



CAPTA PLAN

Addendum E

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Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT REPORT

Annual Progress and Services Report for Basic State Grant

October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is the designated agency to receive and distribute the Basic State Grant for the State of Illinois under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). Annually, DCFS submits this CAPTA report as a part of the Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR). The CAPTA annual report, in addition to providing updates on the implementation/maintenance of CAPTA programming and activity in Illinois, also addresses instruction from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. **Program Instructions (PI) addressed in this annual report were issued December 17, 2020 (Log No: ACYF-CB-PI-20-13).**

This report details the goals of safety, permanency, and child and family well-being which continue to be the foundation and mission of DCFS for systemic and outcome measures aimed at improving the lives of Illinois children who are exposed to child abuse and neglect. The DCFS mission is to: (1) provide appropriate, permanent homes as quickly as possible for those children who cannot safely return home; (2) support early intervention; and (3) sponsor child abuse prevention activities in partnership with community-based programs. DCFS' vision is to act in the best interest of every child it serves, to help families by increasing their ability to provide a safe environment for their children, and by strengthening families who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

To effectively safeguard our children's rights and protect them from potential situations of physical or sexual abuse, DCFS personnel, other state agencies, and private citizens work collaboratively to deliver high quality evidence-based prevention and intervention programs. Through DCFS program and plan implementations, the Department strengthens coordination amongst all levels of government with agencies that are primarily community-centered, including not-for-profit, private, for-profit, civic, and faith-based agencies and organizations. Collectively, DCFS and these agencies emphasize the need for services and programs to be designed to meet the specific needs of children and families in communities where they live and have the greatest access.

Internally, DCFS has assembled a powerful cadre of staff who have but one mission: the protection of our children and families. Meaningful and on-going partnerships continue to occur with the Children's Justice Grant Administrator, the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant Administrator, the Illinois citizen review panels, the CAPTA Grant Administrator, the Budget and Finance Committee, the grant monitors and managers, the Deputy Director, and supervisory staff. These partnerships continue to play an active role within DCFS for developing a consolidated plan which contributes to successful outcomes and measurements. These internal partnerships, along with our community-based partners, assist the State of Illinois in meeting federal requirements related to child safety, permanency, and child and family well-being.

The State of Illinois continues to maintain laws that are compliant with the requirements of CAPTA. At the time of this report submission, no new laws had been enacted over the past year that would adversely affect Illinois' participation in the CAPTA State Grant program. No Public Acts during this time have had an impact on DCFS relative to the prevention of child abuse and neglect that could adversely affect the State's eligibility for participation in the CAPTA grant program.

DCFS continues to engage many funding sources to ensure the successful programming of child abuse prevention programming. CAPTA funding, as well as funding through CBCAP and Children's Justice, affords us the necessary financial support to sustain and grow our programs throughout the state.

PROGRAM INSTRUCTION: ACYF-CB-PI-20-13 issued December 17, 2020 requires responses to the following:

SECTION D. CAPTA STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS AND UPDATES

- Describe substantive changes, if any, to state law or regulations, including laws and regulations relating to the prevention of child abuse and neglect, that could affect the state's eligibility for the CAPTA State Grant (section 106(b)(1)(C)(i) of CAPTA).
- Describe any significant changes from the state's previously approved CAPTA plan in how the state proposes to use funds to support the 14 program areas enumerated in section 106(a) of CAPTA. (See section 106(b)(1)(C)(ii) of CAPTA).
- Describe how CAPTA State Grant funds were used, alone or in combination with other federal funds, in support of the state's approved CAPTA plan to meet the purposes of the program since the state submitted its last update on June 30, 2020 (section 108(e) of CAPTA).
- Submit a copy of annual citizen review panel report(s). Include a copy of the state agency's most recent written responses to the panel(s) that describes whether or how the state will incorporate the recommendations of the panel(s) (as appropriate) to improve the child protection system. (See section 106(c)(6) of CAPTA.)
- Provide an update on the state's continued efforts to support and address the needs of infants born and identified as being affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (see section 106(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iii) of CAPTA), including information on:
 - How the state is using CAPTA State Grant funding to support the development, implementation and monitoring of plans of safe care for substance-exposed infants.
 - Any changes made to policy or practice and/or lessons learned from implementation of plans of safe care.
 - Any multi-disciplinary outreach, consultation or coordination the state has taken to support implementation (e.g., among the state CPS agency, the state Substance Abuse Treatment Authority, hospitals, health care professionals, home visiting

programs and Public Health or Maternal and Child Health Programs; non-profits, philanthropic organizations; and private providers).

- The current monitoring processes of plans of safe care to determine whether and in what manner local entities are providing referrals to and delivery of appropriate services for substance-exposed infants and affected family members and caregivers. Describe the process for the ongoing monitoring of the plans of safe care.
- Any challenges identified in implementing the provisions and any technical assistance the state has determined is needed to support effective implementation of these provisions.
- If the state has participated in a CB site visit relating to development of plans of safe care for infants born and identified as being affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, please describe any follow up actions the state has taken to address issues identified or discussed through the site visit.
- Finally, to facilitate ongoing communication between CB and states on issues relating to CAPTA and child abuse and neglect, please submit the name, address, and email for the state CAPTA coordinator (also known as the State Liaison Officer) or where this information can be found on the state's website.

SECTION F. STATISTICAL AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Subject to ACYF-CB-PI-20-13, the CAPTA report is required to include the following data:

- **Information on Child Protective Service Workforce.** For child protective service personnel responsible for intake, screening, assessment, and investigations of child abuse and neglect reports in the state, report available information or data on the following:
 - Information on the education, qualification, and training requirements established by the state for child protective service professionals, including requirements for entry and advancement in the profession, including advancement to supervisory positions;
 - Data on the education, qualifications, and training of such personnel;
 - Demographic information of the child protective service personnel; and
 - Information on caseload or workload requirements for such personnel, including requirements for average number and maximum number of cases per child protective service worker and supervisor (section 106(d)(10) of CAPITA);
- **Juvenile Justice Transfers.** Report the number of children under the care of the state child protection system who were transferred into the custody of the state juvenile justice system in FY 2020 (specify if another time period is used). Describe the source of this information, how the state defines the reporting population, and any other relevant contextual information about the data (see section 106(d)(14) of CAPTA).

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FOR CAPTA STATE GRANT PROGRAMS

As part of the annual report on CAPTA submitted to be submitted as part of the APSR grantees must submit a brief narrative describing the agency's planned use of the supplemental CAPTA State Grant funds provided through the American Rescue Plan.¹

DCFS RESPONSES:

Describe substantive changes, if any, to state law or regulations, including laws and regulations relating to the prevention of child abuse and neglect, that could affect the state's eligibility for the CAPTA State Grant (section 106(b)(1)(C)(i) of CAPTA).

As of this report, there have been no substantive changes to state law or regulations, including laws and regulations relating to the prevention of child abuse and neglect that would adversely impact the state's eligibility for the CAPTA State Grant. Illinois, through legislative action, continues to improve the quality of service provided by DCFS and to increase the probability of child abuse prevention, including the promotion of permanency by maintaining, strengthening and safeguarding the functioning of families to (1) prevent substitute care placement, (2) promote family reunification, (3) stabilize foster care placements, (4) facilitate youth development, and (5) ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children. To provide additional security and safety for the state's children, their families, and caregivers, DCFS has instituted policy changes due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19.

DCFS COVID ACTION TRANSMITTALS		
TRANSMITTAL #	EFFECTIVE	PURPOSE
2020.09	July 24, 2020	COVID-19: CASEWORKER-CHILD CONTACTS Provides guidance to DCFS and Purchase of Service (POS) permanency and intact caseworkers as they resume in-person caseworker-child contacts, while promoting the safety and well-being of children, caregivers, parents, and staff during the COVID-19 public health crisis. This Action Transmittal rescinds and supersedes ALL other memos related to COVID-19 and Permanency caseworker contact with children in traditional, specialized, licensed and unlicensed home of relative foster care as well as Intact Family caseworker contact with children and families involved in intact services.

¹ ACYF-CB-PI-21-07 issued May 5, 2021.

DCFS COVID ACTION TRANSMITTALS		
TRANSMITTAL #	EFFECTIVE	PURPOSE
2020.12	December 8, 2020 through May 31, 2021	<p>DAY CARE CENTER STAFFING DURING COVID-19</p> <p>Provides updated guidance to Day Care Licensing representatives, supervisors, and Regional Administrators regarding Day Care staffing. Staff should incorporate these supplemental Licensed Day Care Center staffing allowances, specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic, for planning and monitoring of Licensed Day Care Centers.</p> <p>DCFS will continually assess the status of the COVID-19 public health crisis in Illinois and may amend the Restore Illinois Licensed Day Care Guidance provided to licensed day care providers in the future. Determinations will be made regarding resumption of regular practices based on data from the Department, the Centers for Disease Control, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and regional health data.</p>
2020.14	December 30, 2020	<p>CHILD WELFARE STAFFING NEEDS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS</p> <p>The purpose of this Action Transmittal is to extend all actions issued under Action Transmittal 2020.06 to address staffing needs within POS agencies, and congregate care facilities licensed by DCFS, and refresher training needs for affected DCFS and POS staff relating to the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).</p> <p><i>This Action Transmittal remains in effect until further notice from the Department.</i></p>
2020.15	December 30, 2020	<p>COMPREHENSIVE VISITATION GUIDANCE FOR CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS</p> <p>The purpose of this Action Transmittal is to extend all actions issued under Action Transmittal 2020.10 to provide comprehensive guidance to DCFS/POS casework staff and supervisors, DCFS Licensed Child Care Institutions, Group Homes, and ILO/TLP Providers around various types of visitation within congregate care facilities.</p> <p>Congregate care facilities should incorporate these supplemental safety expectations, specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic, for planning and overseeing on-site and off-site visitation for youth. This guidance is meant to assist providers in the development of Agency On-Site</p>

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		Visitation Planning, understanding Infection Control Requirements, completing COVID-19 Risk Assessments, arranging Visitation for Medically Complex Youth, and safely facilitating Off-Campus Visitation which includes, overnight visitation and transitional visitation. These guidelines are intended to supplement but not replace provisions in the Residential Transition and Discharge Protocol. The Department will continually assess the status of the COVID-19 public health crisis in Illinois. These protocols shall remain in effect until further notice is given.
2021.01	March 18, 2021	<p>ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2021.01 Extended</p> <p>The State of Illinois continues to experience a second wave of COVID-19 with a significant increase in cases and hospitalizations. This Action Transmittal replaces Action Transmittal 2021.01 that was issued on February 19, 2021 and contains instructions for immediate implementation by direct service staff to enhance the safety of children, families, and caregivers during this spike in positive COVID-19 cases. The Department is continually assessing the status of the COVID-19 public health crisis in Illinois and its impact on the safety of in-person contacts. On or before June 30, 2021, a determination will be made regarding whether direct service staff may resume regular in person visitation and contacts. This decision will be based on Department data related to youth in care affected by COVID-19, as well as CDC, IDPH, and regional health data.</p> <p>Immediately and to be updated or expire on June 30, 2021</p>
2021.04	February 26, 2021	<p>PROCEDURES 302 SERVICES DELIVERED BY THE DEPARTMENT APPENDIX M, TRANSITION PLANNING FOR ADOLESCENTS</p> <p>The purpose of this Action Transmittal is to notify all DCFS and POS Purchase of Service Permanency Workers and Supervisors, Adoption Staff and Coordinators and Youth Hotline Staff of expanded and extended options for assistance to older youth during the pandemic. Youth who qualify are those who are approaching age 21 or are former youth in care whose cases have closed since April 1, 2020. These additional funds are designated to ensure housing continuation, re-entry or new assistance, and advocacy supports for youth transitioning from care during this COVID-19 health crisis. This assistance is possible through</p>

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		<p>and in accordance with the Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act Division X of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 which became law on December 27, 2020 and the Illinois Gubernatorial Executive Order 2020.22 issued on April 7, 2020. Additionally, this Action Transmittal issues new procedures for the temporary DCFS Reentry Alternative Contract (RAC) Program, and new forms CFS 2032-6, Re-Entry Alternative Contract (RAC) Intake Form, and CFS 2032-7, Re-Entry Alternative Contract Approval Form. This Action Transmittal replaces Action Transmittal 2020.13. During this time period, youth are eligible for the expanded assistance options described below. Staff should discard AT 2020.13 issued on December 11, 2020 and use this updated Action Transmittal 2021.04.</p> <p>Immediately through September 30, 2021</p>

DCFS continually demonstrates compliance with state legislation via DCFS Policy Guide Updates, thus contributing to the ongoing likelihood of the state remaining eligible for federal funds:

DCFS POLICY GUIDE UPDATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	PURPOSE
2021.01	January 26, 2021	<p>PROCEDURES 300, APPENDIX B ALLEGATION 22: SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF SEXUAL INJURY</p> <p>The purpose of this Policy Guide is to provide clarity and direction regarding Rule 300 Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect Allegation 22B and Procedures 300 Allegation 22B to ensure consistency in practice throughout the state.</p> <p>Rule 300 Allegation #22 Substantial Risk of Sexual Injury is defined as: "Substantial risk of sexual injury means that the parent, caregiver, immediate family member, other person residing in the home, or the parent's paramour has created a real and significant danger of sexual abuse as explained in the following options."</p> <p>Option B is identified when reports are made to the hotline alleging that "there are siblings or other children in the same household as an alleged perpetrator of a current allegation of sexual abuse; or there is credible information/evidence of a child sexual abuse that did not meet Department eligibility requirements for a report to be taken (e.g., an ineligible</p>

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		victim or the victim discloses after attaining the age of 18) and the alleged perpetrator has current access to children.”
2020.16	November 20, 2020	<p>PROCEDURES 302.388 INTACT FAMILY SERVICES</p> <p>This Policy Guide is to immediately issue revisions to Procedures 302.388 Intact Family Services to add the definition of “medically complex children”, and language to address the needs of children considered to be medically complex and their families. Additionally, this policy guide provides direction for services to those families referred for services from Child Protection with an allegation 79, Medical Neglect, as well as those cases opened for services that involve children with medical complexities. Intact Family Services Workers shall follow the requirements described below pertaining to contact with parents/caregivers, children, and medical providers.</p>
2020.15	October 19, 2020	<p>CHANGES TO GROUP SIZE DURING PHASE IV OF RESTORE ILLINOIS</p> <p>The purpose of this Policy Guide is to issue changes to group size during Phase IV of Restore Illinois to Rules 406, 407 & 408. Due to the extreme circumstances related to COVID-19 and the need to ensure that the health and safety of children is protected through social distancing, this policy guide is adopted to allow day care homes, day care centers, and group day care homes to increase group size to serve additional parents and caregivers.</p>
2020.14	October 2, 2020	<p>SECURE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</p> <p>Youth in DCFS care are regularly transported to various locations, including appointments, schools, and family visits. Typically, transportation is by car, and a caseworker or caregiver drives the youth from one location to another. An Ambulance should be called to transport youth in DCFS care in the event of a medical or psychiatric emergency.</p> <p>The purpose of this Policy Guide is to identify those very limited circumstances when it is determined to be unsafe for a youth, who presents as a risk of harm to themselves or others, to be transported by a caseworker, caregiver or public transportation to an authorized placement, including temporary placements such as shelters, and Secure Transportation Services instead are appropriate.</p> <p>This Policy Guide outlines procedures for requesting and obtaining approval for Secure Transportation Services with or without the use of Soft Restraints, when applicable. This</p>

DCFS POLICY GUIDE UPDATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	PURPOSE
		Policy Guide pertains to the limited circumstances in which DCFS will approve Secure Transportation Services.
2020.13	October 2, 2020	<p>MEXICAN CONSULATE NOTIFICATION OF MEXICAN OR MEXICAN AMERICAN MINORS IN THE CUSTODY/GUARDIANSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>This Policy Guide replaces Policy Guide 2008.02, Mexican Consulate Notification of Mexican or Mexican American minors in the Custody of the Department. The Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Illinois, Department of Children and Family Services and the Consulate General of Mexico in Chicago, provides for early identification of Mexican or Mexican American minors taken into protective custody by the Department. The child welfare practice issues inherent in the Memorandum of Understanding are directed toward ensuring that the needs of Mexican or Mexican American minors are met when their families are temporarily or permanently unavailable. This revised policy addresses procedures that will facilitate the early coordination of legal and social services to children and their relatives that may be necessary to achieve permanency for the child, including providing the least restrictive placement and supportive services to maintain family ties, ensure appropriate visitation and maintain the child’s ethnic, religious and cultural identity.</p> <p>The Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Children and Family Services and the Consulate General of Mexico requires DCFS to notify the Mexican Consulate when a child is determined to be of Mexican ancestry. In order to comply with this requirement DCFS child protection and child welfare and POS workers are to notify the Office of Latino Services which is responsible for notification to the Mexican Consulate.</p>
2020.12	September 8, 2020	<p>RULE 384 BEHAVIOR TREATMENT IN RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITIES APPENDIX A - MATRIX OF BEHAVIOR TREATMENT TECHNIQUES</p> <p>The purpose of this Policy Guide is to inform staff of an amendment in Rule 384 Behavior Treatment in Residential Child Care Facilities Appendix A – Matrix of Behavior Treatment Techniques. This revision will provide Residential Providers permitted to use an approved and accepted behavior treatment technique referred to as UKERU.</p> <p>“UKERU” is Japanese for “receive”. UKERU is a safe and comforting restraint-free approach to crisis management.</p>

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		<p>The UKERU model is rooted in staff being more trauma-informed and more trauma-aware, builds on relationships first instead of rules first; and encourages staff/youth relationships and comfort over control. Extensive, in depth training is required before a residential provider adopts UKERU as a formal behavior treatment technique. As part of the training, staff are taught how to use UKERU pads to block physical aggression by youth instead of using restraint or seclusion to manage physical aggression.</p>

Describe any significant changes from the state’s previously approved CAPTA plan in how the state proposes to use funds to support the 14 program areas enumerated in section 106(a) of CAPTA. (See section 106(b)(1)(C)(ii) of CAPTA).

The CAPTA Basic Grant funds, in part or in whole, 59 provider agencies throughout Illinois:

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| 1. Advocacy Network for Children CAC | 30. Lake County CAC |
| 2. All Our CAC | 31. La Rabida Children’s Hospital |
| 3. Amy Schulz CAC | 32. Madison County CAC |
| 4. April House CAC | 33. Maryville Crisis Nursery |
| 5. Braveheart CAC | 34. McHenry County CAC |
| 6. CAC of East Central Illinois | 35. McLean County CAC |
| 7. CAC of North & Northwest Cook County | 36. Mercer County Family Crisis |
| 8. CACs of Illinois | 37. Mini O’Beirne Crisis Nursery |
| 9. CHA Parents Care & Share | 38. Parent Place |
| 10. CHA Motherhouse Crisis Nursery | 39. Peoria County CAC |
| 11. CHA TCF Crisis Nursery | 40. Perry Jackson CAC |
| 12. Champaign County CAC | 41. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois |
| 13. Chicago CAC | 42. Procure Centers/Proviso CAC |
| 14. Chicago CAC - Mental Health | 43. Rock Island CAC |
| 15. Child First Center | 44. Safe Families for Children |
| 16. Children’s Place Association | 45. Sangamon County CAC |
| 17. County of Winnebago | 46. Shining Star CAC |
| 18. Cook County – States Attorney | 47. Southern Illinois University |
| 19. Crisis Nursery of Urbana | 48. Spero Family Services |
| 20. Crittenton Crisis Center | 49. St. Clair County CAC |
| 21. Dani-Brandon CAC | 50. Tazewell County CAC |
| 22. DeKalb County CAC | 51. Two Rivers CAC |
| 23. DuPage County CAC | 52. Tyler’s Justice Center |
| 24. Effingham Crisis Nursery | 53. Unified Child Advocacy |
| 25. Guardian Center, Inc. CAC | 54. University of Chicago - MPEEC |
| 26. Hamdard Healthcare | 55. University of Illinois - MERIT |
| 27. Hobby Horse House of Jacksonville | 56. University of Illinois – PRC |
| 28. Kane County CAC | 57. Vermilion County CAC |
| 29. Knox County CAC | 58. Will County CAC |
| | 59. Williamson County CAC |

Illinois has not made any significant changes from the State’s previously approved CAPTA State Plan in how the State allocates CAPTA funds to support one or more of the 14 system improvement categories as required under section 106(b)(1)(C)(ii). Each of the providers receiving CAPTA funds supports at least one, and in many cases, several, of the 14 categories designated under Section 106(a) of the Act:

1. **Section 106(a)(1)** - the intake, assessment, screening, and investigation of reports of child abuse or neglect;
2. **Section 106(a)(2)** - creating and improving the use of multidisciplinary teams and interagency, intra-agency, interstate, and intrastate protocols to enhance investigations; and improving legal preparation and representation, including procedures for appealing and responding to appeals of substantiated reports of abuse or neglect; and provisions for the appointment of an individual appointed to represent a child in judicial proceedings;
3. **Section 106(a)(3)** - case management, including ongoing case monitoring, and delivery of services and treatment provided to children and their families;
4. **Section 106(a)(4)** - enhancing the general child protective system by developing, improving, and implementing risk and safety assessment tools and protocols, including the use of differential response;
5. **Section 106(a)(5)** – developing and updating systems of technology that support the program and track reports of child abuse and neglect from intake through final disposition and allow interstate and intrastate information exchange;
6. **Section 106(a)(6)** – developing, strengthening, and facilitating training including (a) training regarding research-based strategies, including the use of differential response, to promote collaboration with the families; (b) training regarding the legal duties of such individuals; (c) personal safety training for case workers; and (d) training in early childhood, child, and adolescent development;
7. **Section 106(a)(7)** – improving the skills, qualifications, and availability of individuals providing services to children and families, and the supervisors of such individuals, through the child protection system, including improvements in the recruitment and retention of caseworkers;
8. **Section 106(a)(8)** – developing, facilitating the use of, and implementing research-based strategies and training protocols for individuals mandated to report child abuse and neglect;
9. **Section 106(a)(9)** – developing, implementing, operating programs to assist in obtaining or coordinating necessary services for families of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including (a) existing social and health services; (b) financial assistance; (c) services necessary to facilitate adoptive placement of any such infants who have been relinquished for adoption; and (d) the use of differential response in preventing child abuse and neglect;
10. **Section 106(a)(10)** – developing and delivering information to improve public education relating to the role and responsibilities of the child protection system and the nature and basis for reporting suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect, including the use of differential response;
11. **Section 106(a)(11)** – developing and enhancing the capacity of community-based programs to integrate shared leadership strategies between parents and professionals to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect at the neighborhood level;
12. **Section 106(a)(12)** – supporting and enhancing interagency collaboration between the child protection system and the juvenile justice system for improved delivery of services

and treatment, including methods for continuity of treatment plan and services as children transition between systems;

13. **Section 106(a)(13)** – supporting and enhancing interagency collaboration among public health agencies, agencies in the child protective service system, and agencies carrying out private community-based programs (a) to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment services (including linkages with education systems), and the use of differential response; and (b) to address the health needs, including mental health needs, of children identified as victims of child abuse or neglect, including supporting prompt, comprehensive health and developmental evaluations for children who are the subject of substantial child maltreatment reports;
14. **Section 106(a)(14)** – developing and implementing procedures for collaboration among child protective services, domestic violence services, and other agencies in (a) investigations, interventions, and the delivery of services and treatment provided to children and families, including the use of differential response, where appropriate; and (b) the provision of services that assist children exposed to domestic violence, and that also support the caregiving role of their non-abusing parents.

ENGAGEMENT OF CAPTA 14 IMPROVEMENT CATEGORIES VIA STATE PROVIDERS														
Provider	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Advocacy Network CAC		X	X		X					X				
All Our Children's CAC		X	X		X					X				
Amy Schulz CAC		X	X		X					X				
April House CAC		X	X		X					X				
Braveheart CAC		X	X		X					X				
CAC of East Central Illinois		X	X		X					X				
CAC-North & Northwest Cook		X	X		X					X				
CACs of Illinois		X			X	X	X	X		X				
CHA Parents Care & Share								X		X	X		X	
CHA MotherHouse Nursery											X			X
CHA TCF Crisis Nursery											X			X
Champaign CAC		X	X		X					X				
Chicago CAC		X	X		X					X				
Chicago CAC – Mental Health		X	X		X					X				
Child 1 st Center CAC		X	X		X					X				
Children's Place Association			X						X					
Cook County-States Attorney		X	X		X					X				
Crisis Nursery of Urbana											X			X
Crittenton Crisis Center											X			X
Dani-Brandon CAC		X	X		X					X				
DeKalb County CAC		X	X		X					X				
DuPage County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Effingham Crisis Nursery											X			X

ENGAGEMENT OF CAPTA 14 IMPROVEMENT CATEGORIES VIA STATE PROVIDERS														
Provider	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Guardian Center, Inc. CAC		X	X		X					X				
Hamdard Healthcare			X										X	X
Hobby Horse House			X	X		X		X			X			
Kane County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Knox County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Lake County CAC		X	X		X					X				
La Rabida Children's Hospital		X	X		X					X				
Madison County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Maryville Crisis Nursery											X			X
McHenry County CAC		X	X		X					X				
McLean County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Mercer County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery											X			X
Parent Place			X	X							X			
Peoria County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Perry Jackson CAC		X	X		X					X				
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois				X		X	X			X	X		X	X
Procure Centers/Proviso CAC		X	X		X					X				
Rock Island CAC		X	X		X					X				
Safe Families for Children						X	X							
Sangamon County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Shining Star CAC		X	X		X					X				
Southern Illinois University	X		X		X					X				
Spero Family Services			X								X			
St. Clair County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Tazewell County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Two Rivers CAC		X	X		X					X				
Tyler's Justice Center		X	X		X					X				
Unified Child Advocacy		X	X		X					X				
University of Chicago-MPEEC	X	X	X		X									
University of Illinois-MERIT	X		X		X					X				
University of Illinois-PRC	X		X		X					X				
Vermilion County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Will County CAC		X	X		X					X				
Williamson County CAC		X	X		X					X				

Describe how CAPTA State Grant funds were used, alone or in combination with other federal funds, in support of the state's approved CAPTA plan to meet the purposes of the program since the state submitted its last update on June 30, 2019 (section 108(e) of CAPTA).

Many of the DCFS services and community-based programming funded by the CAPTA Basic State Grant funds are also funded in partnership through other existing federal funding sources: the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant and the Children's Justice Act Grant²:

FY21 FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATIONS³				
	Provider	CAPTA Funds	CBCAP Funds	CJ Funds
	Advocacy Network	\$2,657.00	0	0
	All Our Children's CAC	\$18,368.00	0	0
	Amy Schulz CAC	\$22,443.61	0	0
	April House CAC	\$26,771.00	0	0
	Braveheart CAC	\$10,142.00	0	0
	CAC of East Central Illinois	\$17,256.52	0	0
	CAC of North & Northwest Cook	\$3,510.00	0	0
	CACs of Illinois	\$6,773.00	0	0
	CHA MotherHouse Crisis Nursery	\$26,607.00	\$21,749.06	0
	CHA TCF Crisis Nursery	\$26,607.00	\$20,493.00	0
	CHA Parents Care & Share	\$4,524.00	\$226,195.00	0
	Champaign County CAC	\$1,694.00	0	0
	Chicago CAC	\$29,120.00	0	0
	Chicago CAC – Mental Health	\$122,938.00	0	0
	Child 1 st Center CAC	\$55,918.00	0	0
	Child Network Kankakee	\$1,846.00	0	0
	Children's Place Association	\$51,483.00	0	0
	Cook County States Atty	\$759.00	0	0
	County of Winnebago	\$2,919.00	0	0
	Crisis Nursery of Urbana	\$26,607.00	\$20,493.00	0
	Crittenton Crisis Center	\$1,607.00	\$20,493.00	0
	Dani-Brandon Ctr	\$1,162.00	0	0
	DeKalb County CAC	\$1,065.00	0	0
	DuPage County CAC	\$1,284.00	0	0
	Effingham Crisis Nursery	\$81,935.00	0	0
	Guardian Center, Inc. CAC	\$38,374.00	0	0
	Hamdard Healthcare	\$135,150.00	0	0
	Hobby Horse House	\$21,900.00	\$75,000.00	0
	Kane County CAC	\$1,968.00	0	0
	Knox County CAC	\$1,355.00	0	0
	Lake County CAC	\$1,689.00	0	\$10,000.00
	La Rabida Children's Hospital	\$4,390.00	0	0

² Many of the providers also receive grants from state funding sources, and additional CJ and CBCAP funds are allocated to providers who may not receive CAPTA funds and therefore not represented in this table.

³ FY21 = July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (the state fiscal year)

FY21 FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATIONS ³				
	Provider	CAPTA Funds	CBCAP Funds	CJ Funds
	Madison County CAC	\$22,810.00	0	0
	Maryville Crisis Nursery	\$26,607.00	\$20,493.00	0
	McHenry County CAC	\$1,342.00	0	0
	McLean County CAC	\$2,234.00	0	0
	Mercer County CAC	\$204.00	0	0
	Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery	\$1,607.00	\$20,492.00	0
	Parent Place	\$134,596.00	0	0
	Peoria County CAC	\$1,360.00	0	0
	Perry Jackson CAC	\$1,774.00	0	0
	Prevent Child Abuse Illinois	\$59,168.00	\$350,596.00	0
	Procure Centers	\$1,200.00	0	0
	Rock Island CAC	\$1,258.00	0	0
	Safe Families for Children	\$15,000.00	0	0
	Sangamon County CAC	\$12,290.00	0	0
	Shining Star CAC	\$1,352.00	0	0
	Southern Illinois University	\$15,044.00	0	\$290,000.00
	Spero Family Services	\$2,000.00	\$100,000.00	0
	St. Clair County CAC	\$3,308.00	0	0
	Tazewell County CAC	\$1,745.00	0	0
	Two Rivers CAC	\$1,864.00	0	\$10,000.00
	Tyler's Justice Center	\$1,162.00	0	0
	Unified Child Advocacy	\$2,200.00	0	0
	University of Chicago-MPEEC	\$45,000.00	0	0
	University of Illinois-MERIT	\$38,200.00	0	\$100,000.00
	University of Illinois-PRC	\$63,680.00	0	\$70,891.00
	Vermilion County CAC	\$37,540.00	0	\$20,000.00
	Will County CAC	\$22,360.00	0	0
	Williamson County CAC	\$2,255.00	0	0
		\$1,269,982.13	\$876,004.06	\$500,891.00

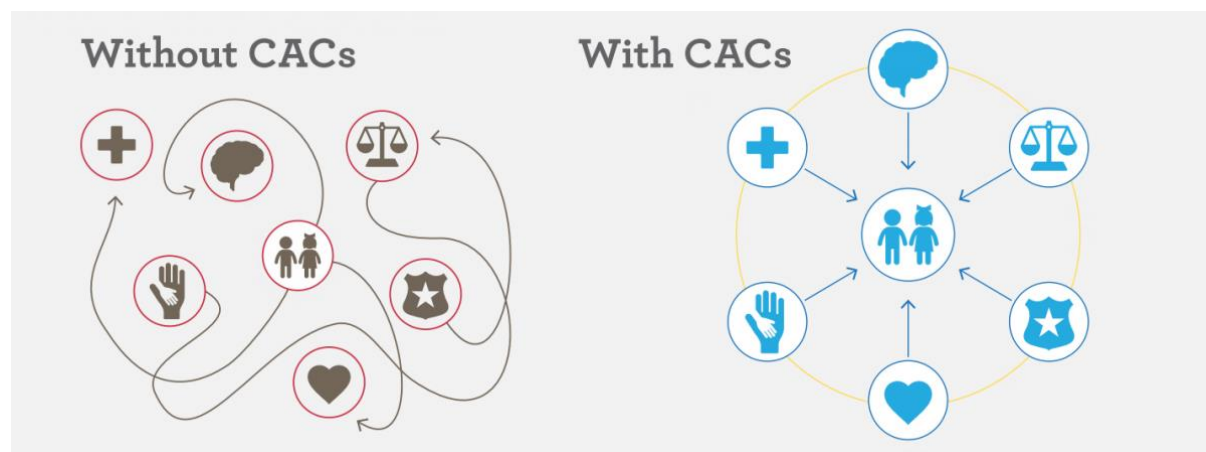
Utilization of CAPTA Funds

A significant amount of CAPTA funds - \$492,660.13, 39% - is directed to the Child Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI). All child advocacy centers (CACs) are part of the CACI statewide network and offer a cadre of services which are rooted in the not-for-profit organization's driving principles: leadership, education and collaboration.

Established in 1995, CACI is the network that coordinates and provides a comprehensive response to child abuse in Illinois. As the leading resource on child abuse issues, CACI stays abreast of the latest research and literature in the child abuse field, as well as the most child-friendly approaches in investigation and treatment of child abuse.

CACs are dedicated to the multi-disciplinary, child advocacy approach and a coordinated, comprehensive response to child abuse. CACI offers discipline-specific trainings to its members throughout the year; CACI seeks opportunities to collaborate with partner agencies, such as the Illinois Attorney General's Office, on education and public policy issues; and CACI guides its members on 'best practices' in the field. CACI, as well as each CAC in Illinois, is an accredited chapter of the National Children's Alliance.⁴

CACs offer therapy and medical exams, plus courtroom preparation, victim advocacy, case management, and other services. This is called the multi-disciplinary team (MDT) response and is a core part of the work of CACs.



Source: www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/cac-model

Greater detail of how the funds were used with each specific provider is contained in the Illinois CAPTA State Plan Updates below.

Submit a copy of annual citizen review panel report(s). Include a copy of the state agency's most recent written responses to the panel(s) that describes whether or how the state will incorporate the recommendations of the panel(s) (as appropriate) to improve the child protection system. (See section 106(c)(6) of CAPTA.)

Under CAPTA, Illinois maintains three statewide Citizen Review Panels (CRPs):

1. Child Death Review Teams;
2. Children's Justice Task Force; and
3. Statewide Citizen Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

⁴ National Children's Alliance is the national association and accrediting body for CACs. Formed in 1988, NCA has been providing support, technical assistance, and quality assurance for CACs, while serving as a voice for abused children for more than 25 years. A CAC is a child-friendly facility in which law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical and victim advocacy professionals work together to investigate abuse, help children heal from abuse, and hold offenders accountable.

The objective of the citizen review panels is to increase system transparency, accountability, and provide opportunity for community input. Citizen review panels consist of volunteers who are a broad representative of the communities served. The mandate of the Citizen Review Panels is to evaluate the extent to which the agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities. Each panel is to make recommendations to the state and public on improving the child protective service system. In addition, DCFS, as the designated agency to receive the State Grant, is required to respond in writing to the Citizen Review Panels' recommendations no later than six months after the recommendations are submitted. The DCFS response must include a description on whether the state will incorporate recommendations of the Citizen Review Panels (where appropriate) to make measurable progress in improving the State child protective system.

The Child Death Review Teams (CDRTs) participate, when a child dies, in the accurate and complete determination of the cause of death, the provision of services to the surviving family members, and the development and implementation of measures to prevent future deaths from similar causes. Multidisciplinary and multiagency reviews of child deaths can assist the State and counties in reviewing child deaths, developing a greater understanding of the incidence and cause of child deaths, methods for preventing those deaths and identifying gaps in services to children and families. CDRTs also make specific recommendations to the DCFS Director and the Inspector General concerning the prevention of child deaths due to abuse or neglect and the establishment of protocols for investigating child deaths.

The Illinois Children's Justice Task Force (CJTF) is a multidisciplinary, legislatively-mandated advisory group that is charged with making recommendations to DCFS directed at improving investigative, administrative and judicial handling of child abuse cases in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim. Increased focus is placed on cases of child sex abuse/exploitation, child fatalities in cases where abuse or neglect is suspected and cases involving a combination of jurisdictions. The task force members are appointed by the DCFS Director to staggered four-year terms.

The Statewide Citizens Committee on Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) was created to advise and consult with the DCFS Director regarding matters related to child abuse and neglect in Illinois, including increasing public awareness of child abuse and neglect and proper reporting procedures.

Each Panel has a chairperson and vice-chairperson. Meeting dates, agendas, and minutes for each panel, as required by the Open Meetings Act, may be found on the DCFS website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/policy/Pages/default.aspx>.

A copy of the Citizen Review Panels' Annual Report and recommendations is submitted as a separate document by the DCFS Citizen Review Panels Coordinator.

Provide an update on the state's continued efforts to support and address the needs of infants born and identified as being affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (see section 106(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iii) of CAPTA, including information on:

- **The plans for using CAPTA State Grant funding to support the development, implementation and monitoring of plans of safe care for substance-exposed infants.**
- **Provide an update on any multi-disciplinary outreach, consultation or coordination the state has taken to support implementation (e.g., among the state CPS agency, the state Substance Abuse Treatment Authority, hospitals, health care professionals, home visiting programs and Public Health or Maternal and Child Health Programs);**
- **Any changes made to policy or practice and/or lessons learned from implementation of plans of safe care.**
- **Any multi-disciplinary outreach, consultation or coordination the state has taken to support implementation (e.g., among the state CPS agency; the state Substance Abuse Treatment Authority, hospitals, health care professionals, home visiting programs and Public Health or Maternal and Child Health Programs; non-profits, philanthropic organizations; and private providers).**
- **The current monitoring processes of plans of safe care to determine whether and in what manner local entities are providing referrals to and delivery of appropriate services for substance-exposed infants and affected family members and caregivers. Describe the process for the ongoing monitoring of the plans of safe care.**
- **Any challenges identified in implementing the provisions and any technical assistance the state has determined is needed to support effective implementation of these provisions.**
- **If the state has participated in a CB site visit relating to development of plans of safe care for infants born and identified as being affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, please describe any follow up actions the state has taken to address issues identified or discussed through the site visit.**

The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act mandates that DCFS and the Illinois Department of Human Services-Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (IDHS-SUPR) collaborate to develop and implement a system of services for DCFS families impacted by substance abuse disorders (325 ILCS 5/1). To implement the provisions of this Act, DCFS and SUPR have entered into an inter-governmental agreement for serving DCFS families impacted by substance use disorders.

DCFS and IDHS SUPR staffs jointly monitor services to DCFS families impacted by substance use disorders. An interagency workgroup made up of DCFS and IDHS SUPR staff meets at least quarterly to monitor the services to DCFS families as outlined in the intergovernmental

agreement. Additionally, the DCFS Director or the Director's designee is a permanent member of IDHS SUPR.

Through DCFS's current policies and procedures, the requirements for 1) identifying infants born substance exposed, 2) such infants being involved in a "plan of safe care," and 3) referrals being made for all needed services, are clearly stated.

Staff are able to categorize cases as having one of four "plans of safe care:" 1) child was taken into foster care; 2) an intact family case was opened (or was currently opened due to previous issues) with a safety plan put into place; 3) the parent(s) had already made a care plan for the child, generally involving a relative or friend who was willing to take the child for adoption or guardianship; or 4) the baby was given up for adoption to an agency. In any of these cases, the DCFS investigator would have a variety of follow-up activities, often involving interviewing relatives or friends who would provide care for the infant, completing Home Safety Checklists for any home where the child would be staying, and running background checks on caregivers. In all cases subjected to review, these required activities were completed. Additionally, the sample cases were reviewed to ascertain if the infant and the parent/caregiver were referred to services, and again, in all reviewed cases these activities were completed.

A collaborative workgroup has been established to:

- Review all previous work/efforts towards complying with the CAPTA requirements;
- Identify and review any current/in-place plans meeting Safe Care criteria;
- Identify and collaborate with other stakeholders as directed by CAPTA;
- Identify and review any existing Safe Care models used by other agencies; and
- Create a viable plan for further development inclusive of a timeline for proposed completion, implementation and follow-up as required.

Illinois continues to enhance the goals prescribed in the PI. In addition to the update provided above, DCFS is continuing work on the design of a reporting process that will incorporate all the data processes identified below.

Information on Child Protective Service Workforce: For child protective service personnel responsible for intake, screening, assessment, and investigation of child abuse and neglect reports in the state, report available information or data on the following:

- Information on the education, qualifications, and training requirements established by the state for child protective service professionals, including requirements for entry and advancement in the profession, including advancement to supervisory positions;
- Data on the education, qualifications, and training of such personnel;
- Demographic information of the child protective service personnel; and
- Information on caseload or workload requirements for such personnel, including requirements for average number and maximum number of cases per child protective service worker and supervisor (section 106(d)(10) of CAPTA).

Listed below are child service worker job titles, descriptions, and educational qualifications:

Job Title:

A Public Service Administrator, Opt 6, And Intact Supervisor Position

General Description: Under administrative direction of the Intact Manager, serves as working supervisor, planning, supervising, reviewing, and coordinating the activities of a team of professional caseworkers engaged in providing child welfare and/or protective services to children and families; directs the Team Service Program within the existing framework of statutes and policies of the Agency; serves as liaison with other disciplines, agencies, and community resources; establishes performance goals and objectives.

Qualifications: Requires a master's degree in social work from a recognized college or university and three years administrative child welfare experience or a master's degree in an acceptable human services field from a recognized college or university and four years administrative child welfare experience; requires a valid driver's license.

Special Requirements: Current State employees seeking a promotion must submit a Notice of Interest in Vacancy Form, a CMS 100 Employment Application and a CMS promotional "A" grade for the title or apply for a promotional grade by submitting their CMS 100B Promotional Application to the Department of Central Management Services during the posting period. If bidding on the same title and option, submit Notice of Interest in Vacancy Form and CMS 100 Employment Application. If bidding on a vacancy in a different title (lateral or voluntary reduction), the employee must pre-qualify for that title by submitting a CMS 100 Employment Application along with Notice of Interest in Vacancy Form.

Job Title:

Child Welfare Specialist

General Description: Under general supervision of the team supervisor, performs experienced professional child welfare casework services and protective services; formulates an assessment of emotional, social, or mental health problems and participates in the development of treatment plans for children and families; develops and maintains liaison roles with various community agencies; interprets agency responsibilities to the community; assigned to 24 hour 'on call' duty as necessary, in addition to normal assignments to ensure that services are provided as mandated by statute and policy.

Qualifications: Preferably requires a master's degree in social work; or a master's degree in a related human service field, supplemented by one year of directly related professional casework/case management experience; or requires a bachelor's degree in social work and one year of directly related professional casework/case management experience; or requires a bachelor's degree in a related human service field and two years of directly related professional casework/case management experience and/or criminal justice background and/or experience;

requires possession of a valid driver's license, daily access to an automobile, and proof of vehicle insurance; requires physical, visual and auditory ability to carry out assigned duties. The college or university issuing a bachelor's or master's degree must be accredited, and the degree program in social work must be approved by the Council on Social Work Education. The directly related professional casework/case management experience must be related to family preservation, family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services or a related field. The human services degrees refer to social work, psychology, psychiatric nursing, psychiatry, mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, pastoral counseling, marriage and family therapy, and human services.

Special Requirements: Current State employees seeking a promotion must: (1) possess a CMS Promotional "A" Grade for the title or (2) apply for a promotional grade by submitting your CMS 100B to the Department of Central Management Services during the posting period. If bidding on a vacancy in a different title (lateral or voluntary reduction), the employee must pre-qualify for that title by submitting a CMS 100 Employment Application with the bid form.

Job Title:
Child Protection Specialist

General Description: Under direction of the team supervisor, receives and investigates reports of physical and sexual abuse and neglect reported by mandated and other sources; assesses immediate safety and risk factors of involved children and takes necessary protection action; makes recommendations about investigative findings; implements short-term services including concrete services directly or through family advocates; assigned to 24 hour 'on call' duty as necessary, in addition to normal assignments to ensure that services are provided as mandated by statute and policy.

Qualifications: Preferably requires a master's degree in social work and two years of directly related professional experience; or requires a master's degree in a related human service field and two years of directly related professional experience; or requires a bachelor's degree in social work and four years of directly related professional experience; or requires a bachelor's degree in a related human service field and four years of directly related professional experience; requires possession of a valid driver's license, daily access to an automobile, and proof of vehicle insurance; requires physical, visual, and auditory ability to carry out assigned duties.

Direct related professional experience includes casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services or a related field. The college or university issuing a degree must be accredited, and the degree program in social work must be approved by the Council on Social Work Education. The related human service degree refers to social work, psychology, psychiatric nursing, psychiatry, mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, pastoral counseling, marriage and family therapy, and human services.

Special Requirements: Current State employees seeking a promotion must submit a Notice of Interest in Vacancy Form, a CMS 100 Employment Application and a CMS promotional “A” grade for the title or apply for a promotional grade by submitting their CMS 100B Promotional Application to the Department of Central Management Services during the posting period. If bidding on the same title and option, submit Notice of Interest in Vacancy Form and CMS 100 Employment Application. If bidding on a vacancy in a different title (lateral or voluntary reduction), the employee must pre-qualify for that title by submitting a CMS 100 Employment Application along with Notice of Interest in Vacancy Form.

Job Title:
Child Protection Associate Specialist

General Description: Under direct supervision, protects children by performing developmental level work related to investigations of alleged child neglect, abuse and sexual abuse cases, interviews alleged victims and perpetrators, other members of the household and witnesses; participates in home assessment for danger to child; participates in preparation and documentation of case file for custody hearings and perpetrator prosecution; carries an increasing case load with decreasing closeness of guidance and review by supervisor and/or higher level protection specialists; testifies in court; completes agency-sponsored training programs.

Qualifications: Preferably requires a master’s degree in social work and one year of directly related professional experience, including casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services, or a related field; or requires a master’s degree in a related human service field, in criminal justice, criminal justice administration, or law enforcement and one year of directly related professional experience, including casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services, or a related field; or requires a bachelor’s degree in social work and three years of directly related professional experience, including casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services, or a related field; or Requires a bachelor’s degree in a related human service field, in criminal justice, criminal justice administration, or law enforcement and three years of directly related professional experience, including casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services, or a related field.

The college or university issuing a degree must be accredited, and the degree program in social work must be approved by the Council on Social Work Education.

Job Title:
Child Protection Advanced Specialist

General Description: Under general direction, functions as an experienced, MSW-qualified child protection advanced specialist, performing casework and case management functions of

advanced complexity and difficulty. Work roles included at this level involve recurring responsibilities for: complex case management services, substitute supervisor on a rotating basis, qualified technical consultant and mentor to less experienced/lower level staff, peer reviewer for the ongoing quality improvement process; assists unit supervisor with assignment and review of the more complex cases, analysis of unit statistics and acting as official unit liaison to law enforcement agencies, other agencies such as drug treatment agencies and/or public health, States Attorney Offices, hospitals and schools; provides work guidance and direction to a staff of less experienced/lower level child protection specialists with advice regarding investigative techniques, testimony preparation, paper work completion and areas of concern to be investigated; protects children by conducting investigations of alleged child neglect/abuse and sexual abuse; successfully completes agency-sponsored training programs and meets mandatory licensure requirements.

Council on Accreditation Standards for this work requires experienced, MSW qualified individuals to perform at this level, which is a stated requirement for this classification.

Qualifications: Requires a master's degree in social work and two years of directly related professional experience as a Child Welfare Specialist or Child Protection Specialist in the Department of Children and Family Services.

The college or university issuing a degree must be accredited, and the degree program in social work must be approved by the Council on Social Work Education.

Training needs required of child protective personnel:

Enhanced Safety Model/Child Protection Skills Training.

This training module supports the skill and ability of child protection investigation staff to implement the revisions to Department Rule and Procedure 300. Training continues to be conducted when policies and procedures are revised and updated. Training is generally conducted through a train-the-trainer model of delivery utilizing designated child protection management staff, web meetings and on-line technology. Training will also occur at the work team level with the direct participation of the supervisory staff.

Enhanced Safety Practice Program (STEP) Model/Critical Thinking in the Assessment of Child Safety.

This module supports the skill and ability of all DCFS and POS agency child protection and child welfare casework and supervisory staff to learn and apply a critical thinking model to the gathering and analysis of child safety assessment information. The module also implements the use of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) instrument to record and document the assessment of risk, as distinct from the immediate threat to safety resulting from maltreatment. Key case work practice issues are addressed: quality of initial and ongoing assessments of risk and safety, including the use of formal and informal assessment tools; monitoring safety plans, quality of assessment and engagement during investigations,

monitoring safety with in-home cases, and quality of risk and safety assessment at case closure and to identify needed services. Training for all DCFS and POS staff continues to be conducted.

Enhanced Child Endangerment and Risk Assessment Protocol (CERAP).

This module supports the skill and ability of staff to use the enhanced safety assessment protocol to conduct the assessment of child safety. This module instructs staff on the use of the upgrades to the SACWIS information system to both record and analyze safety assessment information, and to record and document the safety plan in support of controlling safety threats and preventing repeat child maltreatment. Staff will also learn how to use SACWIS as a tool in documenting the CERAP safety assessment, CANS Risk Assessment, and other automated enhanced case planning and assessment tools. Trainings are also conducted for all DCFS and POS agency staff utilizing the Departments web-meeting technology. This training enables staff to have hands-on experience with the changes to the SACWIS system.

Also, the Learning Collaborative model remains mandatory. The Learning Collaborative model will not replace traditional training methods, but is intended to assist with improvement of quality, effectiveness provisions and availability of trauma—informed intervention service delivery. DCFS is committed to on-going training for frontline staff and ensuring compliance of 20 training hours per each two-year cycle. The training plan for the Division of Child Protection is designed for skill building, practice improvement and enhancement to the department overall to safety and risk. Some key trainings sessions include: Child Abuse Injury Reconstruction Techniques; Psychological First Aid; Medical Aspects of Child Maltreatment; Child Trauma; Developmental Disabilities and Error Reduction.

Demographic information of the child protective service personnel:

The Department continually identifies critical vacancies, changing demographic patterns, and staffing levels relative to intake and/or needs of the community to determine the best strategic options.

Child Protection Workers as of May, 2021

Regions	Central	Cook Central	Cook North	Cook South	Northern	Southern
Total Count	186	56	65	81	143	100
Advanced Specialist	17	4	10	3	19	22
Specialist	169	52	55	78	124	78

Child Protection Workers
Child Protection Advanced Specialist Demographics as of May 2021

Region	Central	Cook Central	Cook North	Cook South	Northern	Southern
African American Female	1	0	2	3	5	4
African American Male	1	0	1	0	1	0
Asian/Oriental Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian/Oriental Male	0	0	2	0	0	0
Hispanic Female	0	2	2	0	4	0
Hispanic Male	1	0	1	0	1	0
Indian Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indian Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaiian/Pacific Island Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Female	10	2	2	0	7	17
White Male	4	0	0	0	1	1
Demographic Totals	17	4	10	3	19	22

Child Protection Workers
Child Protection Specialist Demographics as of May 2021

Region	Central	Cook Central	Cook North	Cook South	Northern	Southern
African American Female	19	29	25	59	55	20
African American Male	2	7	5	7	10	8
Asian/Oriental Female	1	0	1	0	2	0
Asian/Oriental Male	0	0	1	0	1	0
Hispanic Female	2	9	7	7	14	0
Hispanic Male	3	4	5	3	6	1
Indian Female	0	0	0	0	1	0
Indian Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaiian/Pacific Island Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Female	111	3	9	1	27	41
White Male	31	0	2	1	8	8
Demographic Totals	169	52	55	78	124	78

Child Protection Service Personnel Statewide as of May 5, 2021:⁵

				Cook County		
	Central Region	Northern Region	Southern Region	Cook Central	Cook Northern	Cook Southern
# of Investigations	2,023	1,949	1,055	542	586	772
Child Protection Worker	178	125	95	34	43	58
Child Protection Worker – Spanish Speaking	1	21	0	12	10	6
Child Protection Intern	5	4	2	2	2	2
Child Protection Intern – Spanish Speaking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Protection Floater	2	0	4	0	0	0
Child Protection Floater – Spanish Speaking	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAI	5	0	2	10	3	17
TOTAL WORKERS	191	150	103	58	58	83
TOTAL WORKERS COOK COUNTY				199		

Caseload Investigation Ratios by Statewide Region (excluding Cook County) as of May 5, 2021

Region	# of Investigations	Actual Child Protection Workers	Caseload Investigation Ratio
Central Region	2,023	179	10:1
Northern Region	1,949	146	10:1
Southern Region	1,055	95	10:1
Region Totals	5,027	420	

Caseload Investigation Ratios by Cook County Region as of May 5, 2021

Cook County Region	# of Investigations	Actual Child Protection Workers	Caseload Investigation Ratio
Cook Central	542	46	10:1
Cook North	586	53	10:1
Cook South	772	64	10:1
Cook County Totals	1,900	163	

Children Under the State Child Protection System Transferred into the Custody of the Illinois Department of Children Justice (IDCJ):

Throughout FY20, 544 youth in the care of DCFS were transferred to either a state juvenile justice system (355 youth) or an adult correctional system (234 youth)⁶. When transferred to a state juvenile system or adult correctional system, these youth are now considered dually involved, tracked and subsequently clients of both systems simultaneously. Out of the 544 youth, 411 were male (76%)

⁵ Source of CPS Personnel Data and Case Load Investigation Data: **DCFS Caseload & Vacancy Report**, as of 5/5/21

⁶ Counts vary due to youth aging in the system during the reporting period and subsequently being reclassified.

while 133 were female (24%). When reviewing the various demographic/regional data, trends associated with this population are noted and allow for the creation of prevention-based programming.

ILLINOIS CAPTA STATE PLAN - UPDATES⁷

DCFS operates on the premise that families and children are best served in the communities in which they live. This is accomplished through an array of services provided by local agencies and carefully selected by the families to meet their individual needs. These services are directed towards preventing the unnecessary separation of children from their families.

Advocacy Network for Children CAC

County(ies) of Service: Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, McDonough, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler, Scott
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The goal of Advocacy Network for Children is to protect and uphold the rights of children when wrongs have been committed against them, to help abused or neglected children have safe permanent homes where they can thrive, to act as a powerful voice in these children's best interests and to educate the public about the plight of abuse children.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Children's Advocacy Center programs of Advocacy Network for Children will reduce the trauma undergone by children who are alleged victims of child sexual abuse or serious physical abuse. The Centers coordinate a forensic interview utilizing the multidisciplinary team and assure a safe, neutral environment for the interview of the child victim. The child victim and non-offending family are offered ongoing support during the investigation and court process in order to prevent substitute care placement of the child victim.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 332
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 332
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 311

⁷ References to fiscal years in this section correspond to the state fiscal year – reports are delivered based upon the state FY rather than the federal FY. For instance, references to FY20 = July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020; FY21 = July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

All Our Children's Advocacy Center

County(ies) of Service: 34 Southwest Suburbs of Chicago
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The goal of All Our Children's Advocacy Center is to lessen the trauma a child faces during a sexual abuse investigation. AOCAC is dedicated to serving the needs of children, families, and communities affected by the trauma of abuse.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Under this contract, the Center will coordinate, arrange and conduct a multi-disciplinary forensic interview of an alleged child sexual abuse victim, physical abuse victim or a witness between the ages of 3-17. Children under 3 years old will be accepted on a case by case basis. Services include:

- Forensic Interviewing of children;
- Providing advocacy and referral services to children and non-offending caregivers;
- Coordinating with investigative agencies; and
- Community based education and training.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 260
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 260
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 260

Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center.

County(ies) of Service: Clay, Clinton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Marion, Washington and Wayne
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Amy Schulz CAC provides victim advocacy. Direct services are provided to improve assessment, networking, coordination, and support and referral services on behalf of the victims of child sexual abuse and their families.

Terms of DCFS Contract: This CAC offers advocacy services to child victims of sexual abuse. These services include:

- coordinated investigations;
- forensic interviews;
- follow ups; and
- referrals for medical exams as well as linkage to mental health services.

This agency conducts MDT meetings, review protocols, cosponsor trainings for MDT members, and perform community outreach. The education department will present a body safety program to area schools.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 203

April House Child Advocacy Center.

County(ies) of Service: Whiteside
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Services are provided to children and their non-offending caretakers to prevent substitute care placement, and to ensure the safety and well-being of children. Adult victims of sexual assault with intellectual impairments who communicate developmentally as children, and, adult victims who demonstrate severe emotional trauma are also considered for services on a case-by-case basis upon request of the MDT.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services include:

- Forensic Interviewing of children;
- providing advocacy and referral services to children and non-offending caregivers;
- coordinating with investigative agencies; and
- community based education and training.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 102
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 86
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 101

Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center.

County(ies) of Service: Bureau, Henry, Marshall, Putnam, Stark
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Braveheart coordinates community's response to reports of child sexual abuse, severe child physical abuse, or witness to other traumatic crime. Team members from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, law enforcement, State's Attorney's Office's and specialized providers come together at Braveheart.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services include but are not limited to:

- child friendly facility;
- coordinated investigations;
- forensic interviews;
- case management;
- advocacy, service referrals;
- crisis intervention;
- short-term counseling;
- case tracking;
- coordinated case reviews;
- court education, preparation and advocacy; and
- professional training.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 109 |
| • Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: | 109 |
| • Total Number of Forensic Interviews: | 108 |

CAC of East Central Illinois.

County(ies) of Service: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Moultrie, Shelby

Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois coordinates a timely, comprehensive, and multidisciplinary response to allegations of child sexual and/or serious physical abuse in a safe, agency-neutral, child-focused setting.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services provided are:

- child forensic interviews;
- case coordination and case management;
- judicial and personal advocacy;
- crisis intervention;
- multi-disciplinary (MDT) team case review;
- specialized child abuse medical examinations;
- referrals for counseling and other needed services;
- crime victim compensation assistance; and
- community child abuse awareness and prevention education outreach.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 234 |
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CAC of North & Northwest Cook County

County(ies) of Service: Cook
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Center of North & Northwest Cook County is the leading resource to empower and heal children who have been sexually and physically abused and prevent abuse against children in the future. CAC offers forensic interviewing, family advocacy and a range of therapy services for children and families who have suffered abuse in 38 communities in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services provided include:

- 24-hour referral and investigative response;
- Coordination of mandated investigators from the Department of Children and Family Services, law enforcement, and the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney;
- Establishing an interview time appropriate for the alleged child victim and the investigators;
- Referral to expert medical evaluation, when recommended by members of the multidisciplinary team or requested by the child or her/his family;
- Provision of an expert forensic interview of the alleged child victim, possible victims, or child witnesses.
- Supportive advocacy services for the child and non-offending family members;
- Crisis intervention and
- Referrals for trauma-informed counseling treatment services and other community resources.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 1,213 |
| • Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: | 253 |
| • Total Number of Forensic Interviews: | 300 |

CACs of Illinois

County(ies) of Service: All Illinois Counties
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI) is dedicated to the development and growth of Illinois' Children's Advocacy Centers. CACI accomplishes this by offering its members a cadre of services which are rooted in the not-for-profit organization's driving principles: leadership, education and collaboration.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services provided under the contracted are largely centered on training and membership development. The purpose of these trainings is discipline specific, in-depth training and team capacity building in all regions of the state among first responders to child sexual and physical abuse.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Trainings: 44

CHA Parents Care & Share

County(ies) of Service: Champaign, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, McLean, Winnebago
Program Name: Parents Care & Share

Children's Home & Aid's Parents Care & Share program has groups throughout the Chicagoland area and central Illinois. Groups are open to anyone who is parenting, such as biological parents, grandparents raising their grandchildren, single parents, stepparents, foster parents, other relative or nonrelative caregivers, or parents who do not have custody. Some groups only serve a specific type of parent, such as teen parents, parents of autistic children, or adoptive parents.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Parents Care & Share program operates mutual, self-help parent support groups for parents at risk for child abuse and neglect in Northern and Central Illinois for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The program prevents child abuse and neglect by equipping parents with the six protective factors. The program promotes permanency, safety, and the wellbeing of children. As the program is successful, the placement of children in substitute care is prevented or families with children in placement work toward reunification. Foster parents who attend groups work toward stabilization. Child development is enhanced as parents understand and incorporate knowledge of child and youth development into their parenting practices. PC&S support group meetings are open to all parents and caregivers of children, both custodial and noncustodial. The program adheres to the Circle of Parents model. The program offers free companion children's groups for the children of the parents who attend group meetings and a meal or snack for parents and children. Group facilitators guide group meetings toward the implementation of the protective factors.

To establish and maintain support groups, the staff of the Parents Care & Share program conduct community education and attend networking events for referral stream building and referral. They administer the Protective Factors 2 Outcome Survey, coach facilitators monthly and engage in the agency Best Stat process. They orchestrate an annual Blue Bow Campaign in April to bring awareness about the pervasiveness of child abuse and neglect in Illinois, the promotion of community resources that are available to parents and educate the public about the protective factors as a solution to child abuse and neglect.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 309
- Unique Number of Families Served: 736

CHA Motherhouse Crisis Nursery

County(ies) of Service: Boone, DeKalb, Ogle, Stephenson, Winnebago

Program Name: Chasi Motherhouse Crisis Nursery

MotherHouse Crisis Nursery provides both immediate help as well as longer term intervention/prevention family support to help stabilize the family. Central to the program is Crisis Child Care, which provides a safe haven for children when their families are unable to care for them due to an emergency.

In addition to Crisis Child Care, the program provides parent education classes, parent support groups, individual therapy, crisis counseling, and access to after-care services. Through these combined services, the MotherHouse Crisis Nursery program helps to stabilize families in crisis, preventing abuse and neglect.

Terms of DCFS Contract: MotherHouse Crisis Nursery provides short-term care and family follow up programming for the most fragile families, who are experiencing crisis due to violence, family dysfunction, medical emergencies and/or lost employment. The families often need family stabilization, child abuse prevention or other critical support services. While the goal is to provide immediate intervention and short-term care, the services can extend beyond short-term intervention. Nursery staff provide families with resources, offer parent support groups, and continue to see families in both group and in-home supportive service programs beyond their initial admission to the nursery. Both the nursery crisis childcare and family enhancement services ensure child safety while the child visits the nursery and extends support services to help the family remain intact while ensuring the entire family's well-being.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 57
- Unique Number of Families Served: 34

CHA TCF Crisis Nursery

County(ies) of Service: McLean

Program Name: CHA TCF Crisis Nursery

Terms of DCFS Contract: In addition to the nursery, the agency provides a system of care for children and families, which includes prevention and early intervention services. These programs provide intensive services that focus on domestic violence, mental health, homelessness, substance abuse, parent education, and prevention of child maltreatment. Prevention and early intervention programs include: Healthy Families Illinois, Early Start, the Early Learning Center,

The Family Visitation Center, Kids' Turn Divorce Education Program, The Children's Room at the Law & Justice Center, and Parents Care & Share support groups throughout four counties in the Children's Home + Aid (CHA) service area. CHA also offers treatment and intervention programs for high-risk intact families such as: The Butterfly Project, Family Visitation Center, Extended Family Support services, and Child Welfare Services are offered for children who need care outside of the home.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 97
- Unique Number of Families Served: 55

Champaign County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Champaign, Ford
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The CAC is a facility dedicated to pursuing the truth in child abuse investigations. Professionals from child protective services, law enforcement, prosecution, victim advocacy agencies and the medical and mental health communities come together to investigate and intervene in cases of suspected child sexual and serious physical abuse. Designed as a safe and welcoming place for children to be heard, the CAC ensures that children are not further victimized by the systems intended to protect them. The Center facilitates investigations, makes medical and treatment referrals, and assists with any consequent legal proceedings in order to protect and support the children it serves and their families. They also provide comprehensive case management and crisis intervention services for all children referred to the center and their non-offending family members.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Champaign County CAC coordinates a timely, multidisciplinary response to allegations of child sexual and serious physical abuse in a safe, child-focused setting. The CAC facilitates investigations, provides forensic interviews, provides crisis intervention counseling, makes medical and treatment referrals, and assists with any consequent legal proceedings in order to protect and support the children it serves and their families. The CAC also provides community education presentations and assists in coordinating child abuse prevention activities.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 202
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 202
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 199

Chicago CAC

County(ies) of Service: Cook
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Chicago CAC is the front-line responder in Chicago to reports of child sexual abuse, as well as reports of physical abuse of children under age 3. Chicago CAC is the city's only not-for-profit organization that coordinates the efforts of child protection staff, law enforcement professionals, family advocates, medical experts and mental health clinicians under one roof. Chicago CAC:

- Facilitates a collaborative response (from CAC and their partners)
- Conducts forensic interviews
- Provides family advocacy and crisis intervention services
- Provides mental health therapy

Terms of DCFS Contract:

This contract is for the provision of the following services for children, age 0-17, reported to DCFS and/or the Chicago Police Department for allegations of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation in the City of Chicago. Services include the following:

- Case Intake Coordination
- Forensic Interviewing⁸
- Child & Family Advocacy
- Child Life Services
- Transportation
- Interpretation
- Education, Prevention and Policy

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 1,392 |
| • Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: | 1,469 |
| • Total Number of Forensic Interviews: | 1,378 |

⁸ Courtesy interviews are conducted for children from jurisdictions outside of Chicago upon request when adequate staff is available. If requested, forensic interviewers will also interview adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Forensic interviews of children other than alleged victims of sexual abuse, such as victims of physical abuse and/or witnesses to abuse or violent crime, are conducted upon request and based on availability.

Chicago CAC – Mental Health

County(ies) of Service: Cook
Program Name: Mental Health Program

ChicagoCAC's mental health team helps children heal from the trauma of abuse. In our Family Hope Center, therapists create a comfortable, safe space for children to tell their trauma stories, identify and overcome challenges, develop positive coping skills and build healthy relationships.

Terms of DCFS Contract: This contract is for the provision of trauma-informed, evidence-based psychotherapy services for children, ages 0-17, and their parents/caregivers.

The primary therapy modalities utilized by ChicagoCAC's Family Hope Center (mental health program) are Integrative Treatment for Complex Trauma (ITCT), Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Attachment, Self-Regulation, Competency (ARC) and Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI). For children age five and younger, the Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) model for family therapy may be used, and for children exhibiting problematic sexual behaviors, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior (PSB-CBT) may be used. The program also trains clinicians in the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P), an evidence-based behavior parent training curriculum in order to be able to provide parents with optimal support. Case management and crisis counseling is provided, when needed, and assistance in placing clients in outpatient or inpatient psychiatric care is also provided on an as-needed basis.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 365
- Unique Number of Families Served: 365
- Total Number of Therapy Sessions: 6,050

Child 1st CAC (Macon County Child Advocacy Center).

County(ies) of Service: Macon, Piatt
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Child 1st Center provides a safe, neutral space with assigned personnel designated for the investigation and coordination of services for children alleged to have been victims of child sexual and serious physical abuse. These services are designed to facilitate joint investigations, reduce the trauma of repeated interviews, and initiate services that result in victims' and family healing.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Center staff coordinates the multidisciplinary response to child abuse investigations, provides forensic interviewing and facilitation of interviews, case coordination, medical and social service linkage and advocacy.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 195
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 195
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 240

The Children's Place Association

County(ies) of Service: Cook
Program Name: Respite Program for HIV/AIDS

Children's Place Association's Arthur E. Jones Early Childhood Care and Learning Center (Early Learning Center) promotes permanency by providing specialized care and early education for children affected by extreme poverty and illness, including HIV/AIDS and other health or developmental conditions. Families served are very low-income and at high risk for child abuse and/or neglect. A Family Support Specialist helps families assess needs and goals, make service plans and access internal and external services. Children's Place provides critical assistance to children and their families in four key areas of impact: health, education, family stability and financial stability.

Terms of DCFS Contract: This program protects children's safety and well-being by providing age-appropriate education, ongoing assessment of developmental progress, onsite nursing care that includes regular checkups and contact with doctors, nutritious meals during the day and a secure, nurturing environment. The program also promotes permanency by providing families with services that prevent children's placement in substitute care, including parent training, counseling, support groups, permanency planning and other assistance that maintains and strengthens the functioning of families.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

Unique Number of Children Served: 224
Unique Number of Families Served: 180

Cook County – States Attorney's Office

County(ies) of Service: Cook
Program Name: Child Sexual Abuse Specialist

The mission of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Unit is to enhance prosecution efforts by delivering the highest quality of services to victims and witnesses in the areas of advocacy and court support. Outreach efforts are immediate, and responses are respectful, professional, thorough and consistent.

Guided by the philosophy that victims should be afforded their place in the criminal justice system, the Victim Witness Unit is mandated by the Illinois Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Victim Specialists ensure that victims and witnesses receive timely information about court

proceedings and referrals for social services. Victim Specialists serve more than 100,000 victims and witnesses each year with crisis intervention and emotional support, court accompaniment, answering questions, community referrals, intervening with schools and employers, educating and advocating for victims' rights, and assisting with Crime Victims' Compensation forms.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Victim Sensitive Interview Program has been incorporated into the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. The Child Sexual Abuse Specialist remained with the State's Attorney's Office because this staff person works with cases after the investigation of an incident and while the State's Attorney's Office is preparing for trial. Under the program, the Specialist continues to work in a collaborative manner to supplement and enhance victim services provided by the Chicago CAC, the other area CACs that may be involved, law enforcement, local and state agencies, and community service providers to see that victims and their families receive the support and services they need throughout the court process. As such, the Child Sexual Abuse Specialist provides extensive in-person follow-up for victims and families, encouraging them to continue counseling and participate in the court process. The Child Sexual Abuse Specialist provides services to promote permanency by maintaining, strengthening and safeguarding the functioning of families to facilitate youth development and ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children. Victims and families who receive service referrals and begin counseling do not always continue and families often have mixed responses to the criminal justice system. In these cases, the added support of the specialist makes a difference, particularly when other agencies have phased out their services or support.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 103

County of Winnebago CAC

County(ies) of Service: Boone, Winnebago
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Victim Services Program coordinates the investigations and prosecutions of child abuse cases including sexual abuse as well as severe physical abuse. The Victim Services Program coordinates the multi-disciplinary team response to these cases by coordinating forensic interviews, pre- and post-interview team staffings, conducting follow-up case reviews and entering case information into a state-of-the-art computerized case tracking system. Follow up contact and court/legal advocacy are also provided.

The Crisis Intervention Program is staffed with two therapists that are available on-site at Carrie Lynn Children's Center to respond to the interim needs of the children and their families. The therapists will assist the multi-disciplinary team in making sound decisions for the child's health and safety. The Crisis Therapists offer five free sessions to the victims and assists the families in arranging long-term linkage to counseling services.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 554
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 554
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 345

Crisis Nursery of Urbana

County(ies) of Service: Champaign
Program Name: Crisis Nursery & Parent-Child Group

Crisis Nursery creates an "Island of Safety" dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing 24-hour emergency care for children and support to strengthen families in crisis by also providing basic necessities to families in need. Other services include Strong Families, Beyond Blue and Paving Pathways programs, as well as parent-child interaction groups, home visiting, and other resources

Terms of DCFS Contract: Crisis Nursery prevents substitute care placement by creating an emergency child care facility that is accessible 24 hours/day 365 days/year for the entire community to access with no income eligibility or fees, lessening the need for substitute care for children. Crisis Nursery also promotes family reunification by offering parenting education classes and support groups to strengthen the family unit and give practical support and advice to parents. Crisis Nursery does not have the capacity to provide on-going support to children in foster care placements, but we can provide services when no other option is available. All Crisis Nursery services facilitate youth development by providing safe, loving care through high quality developmental and social-emotional interactions and activities. Crisis Nursery ensures the safety and wellbeing of children by being an "Island of Safety" for families who are experiencing a crisis. Our emergency child care services help to ensure that children are out of harm's way and are provided with the physical, social, and emotional support they need to thrive.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 219
- Unique Number of Families Served: 137

Crittenton Crisis Center

County(ies) of Service: Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford
Program Name: Crittenton Crisis Nursery

Crittenton Crisis Nursery provides child abuse prevention services for children from birth to six years; through emergency intervention and respite care, crisis counseling, and support services to families facing stress related to domestic violence, parenting challenges, mental health issues, and other situations that put children at risk. In turn, parent stress levels are reduced, parenting skills increased, and children are safe. Family stability is improved while children are in a safe environment.

All services that our Crisis Nursery provides are free. Services are offered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Children can stay up to 72 hours depending on the situation. The agency also offers parent education classes throughout the community and encourage parental participation. Families are frequently referred to community agencies based on individual or family needs.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Crisis Nursery Services have been substantiated in numerous research initiatives to have a profound impact on the reduction of child maltreatment, thus promoting overall child safety. Families utilizing Crisis Nursery Services are given the opportunity to receive parent education focusing on child safety and developmentally appropriate parenting. During a child's length of stay in Crisis Nursery, they receive safe, nurturing care from qualified staff. Crisis Nursery promotes the overall well-being of children and families by giving parenting breaks, promoting stress reduction, offering family stabilization services, helping families develop positive parenting techniques, and making appropriate referrals to other community agencies that offer services to strengthen the family.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 90
- Unique Number of Families Served: 49

Dani-Brandon CAC

County(ies) of Service: LaSalle
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services to be provided under DCFS contract include a forensic interview to be conducted to any child 18 years of age and under is alleged to be the victim of sexual abuse or injured by severe physical abuse. Advocacy services will be provided to include case tracking, referrals, follow up, emotional support, sex abuse education, and case review. Should any child or non-offending family member have special needs (language, medical, etc.) the CAC will accommodate to the best of its ability and will seek support from within the community if needed (interpreter, etc.)

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 86
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 84
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 86

DeKalb County CAC

County(ies) of Service: DeKalb
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The CAC acts as a neutral, third-party hub whose purpose is coordinating services and safe, child-sensitive support to children and their non-offending family members. The CAC's one-time interview with a specially trained forensic interviewer relieves some of the additional trauma the child would experience with several separate interviews.

The CAC also provides:

- Referrals for medical treatment
- Trauma assessments
- Referrals for counseling and caregiver education through the Center for Counseling
- In-person support during court proceedings
- Community prevention and awareness presentations

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Children's Advocacy Center provides services for children involved in a physical or sexual abuse investigation (including trafficking, exploitation and sexualized behaviors) primarily, and provides secondary services to the non-offending family members. Services provided by the Children's Advocacy Center are: coordination of investigations, forensic interviews (available in English and Spanish), referrals for coordination of medical, legal and trauma therapy services. Case management, crisis intervention as well as community education are also provided by the Children's Advocacy Center.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 133 |
| • Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: | 133 |
| • Total Number of Forensic Interviews: | 108 |

DuPage County CAC

County(ies) of Service: DuPage
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Mission of the DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center is to:

- Minimize the trauma experienced by the child victim of sexual abuse or serious physical abuse during the investigation;
- Seek justice, not just convictions, of those responsible for the commission of sexual abuse or serious physical abuse;

- Provide support and facilitate treatment to the child victim and non-offending caregivers throughout the criminal justice process;
- Promote prevention of child victimization through community education.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The DuPage County Children’s Center investigates and provides intervention and advocacy in all cases involving allegations of sexual abuse to children and any case involving allegations of severe physical abuse as defined by DCFS. The Children’s Center conducts joint investigations (criminal investigator and DCFS child protection investigator) when applicable. Case Managers provide crisis intervention, service referral and linkage, medical and legal advocacy and other services as needed. Services will continue through court adjudication and if they are needed by the victims and their families.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 381
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 364
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 235

Effingham Crisis Nursery.

County(ies) of Service: Clay, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Shelby
Program Name: Crisis Nursery

Nursery of Effingham County provides free, emergency crisis-care services to children birth through six years of age (Prevention Care Program). The Prevention Care Program seeks to support all parents and families, with a specific focus on those at the highest risk, such as families involved with the Department.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Under this agreement Crisis Nursery of Effingham will prioritize families involved with or at risk of involvement with the Department, due to the increased risk associated with this involvement. The program will provide free, emergency crisis-care services to children birth through six years of age at risk of or involved with the Department. The mission is to protect and prevent childhood trauma, abuse and neglect. Services are open to anyone no matter where they live. Children receive high quality, one-on-one nurturing care. Additionally, the program provides crisis counseling, parent education/support and community resource and referrals as needed.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 81
- Unique Number of Families Served: 111

Guardian Center Child Advocacy Center:

County(ies) of Service: Crawford, Edwards, Gallatin, Lawrence, Richland, Saline, Wabash, White
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The program provides services including child-sensitive interviews, advocacy for child victims and their families, MDT case review and training in child-sensitive investigations, referrals for specialized medical exams, court preparation and community education. The Healing Harbor satellite office serves sexually and physically abused children, ages newborn-18. Guardian Center serves the counties of Crawford, Lawrence, and Richland, in Southeastern Illinois. These counties are rural and have limited access to services for child abuse and neglect. All clients referred will be served with no denial of services unless the program is at capacity or the case does not meet the criteria set forth in the county protocols. No one is denied services due to handicap, race or religious orientation.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Children's Advocacy Center provides child-sensitive interviews, advocacy for child victims and their families, MDT case review and training in child-sensitive investigations, referrals for specialized medical exams and other services, court preparation and community education. Guardian is a children's advocacy center devoted to the protection and healing of abused children and their families.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 162
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 172
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 172

Hamdard Healthcare

County(ies) of Service: Cook, DuPage
Program Name: Family Preservation

Hamdard is a not-for-profit organization established in 1992 as a proactive response to address the critical needs of the South Asian, Middle, Eastern and Bosnian communities. The program serves intact families who are at risk of formal involvement with the child welfare system. Services promote permanency by maintaining, strengthening and safeguarding the functioning of families and ensuring the well-being of children by providing:

- Individual and group counseling;
- Supervised visitation and anger management classes;
- Psychiatric and primary health care;

- Translation and interpretation services in over one dozen languages including: English, Arabic, Urdu, Hindi, Gujrati, Punjabi, Telegu, Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian, Russian, Tagalog and Spanish;
- Services for victims of domestic violence and their children including crisis intervention, emergency shelter, the provision of basic needs such as culturally-appropriate food and personal care items, transitional housing, advocacy, counseling, case management, and translation/interpretation;
- Case management including assistance with applying for public benefits;
- Employment counseling;
- Academic tutoring and skill-building through the after-school youth development program; and
- Outreach and education to the community.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services provided:

- Individual and group counseling;
- Psychiatric care;
- Translation and interpretation services in over ten languages including: English, Arabic, Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian, Russian, and Spanish;
- Services for victims of domestic violence and their children, advocacy, counseling, case management, and translation/interpretation;
- Case management including assistance with applying for public benefits and enrolling in the health insurance marketplace; and
- Outreach and education to the community.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

Unique Number of Children Served:	237
Unique Number of Families Served:	675
Individual Counseling Cases	3,119
Individual Case Management ⁹	1,268

Hobby Horse House of Jacksonville.

County(ies) of Service: Adams, Brown, Cass, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler, Scott
Program Name: Positive Parenting Program

Hobby Horse House offers private adoption, Safe Start Program (services for those in crisis pregnancy situations), habilitation/parent coaching, divorced parenting classes, visitation, Extended Family Support Program and counseling services.

⁹ Includes access to and advocacy for public benefits, housing and immigration/legal assistance.

The CAPTA Basic Grant supports the Positive Parenting Program. The Positive Parenting Program is open to the community with a focus of working with families involved within the Child Welfare System, including but not limited to families in need of support, guidance, and/or foster families struggling to provide the much-needed nurturing of children placed in their homes.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Positive Parenting Program is open to the community with a focus of working with families involved within the Child Welfare System, including but not limited to families in need of support, guidance, and/or foster families struggling to provide the much-needed nurturing of children placed in their homes.

The program establishes therapeutic supports for the parents and children to learn similar knowledge and skills in order to improve the quality of their lives and build nurturing skills as an alternative to abusive and neglectful behaviors.

The program assists families in building self-awareness, positive self-concept/esteem, building and enhancing levels of empathy, enhancing family communication and awareness of needs, replacing abusive behaviors with nurturing behaviors, and promoting healthy physical and emotional development. The program is designed to intervene to prevent further escalation of the early stages of maltreatment and to replace old, existing harmful patterns of family interaction with newer, nurturing patterns of interaction. Those participants in need of further assistance are referred to other helping agencies.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 156
- United Number of Families Served: 95

Kane County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Kane
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Kane County Child Advocacy Center is a division of the Kane County State's Attorney's Office. The CAC conducts all investigations using multi-disciplinary teams of professionals to investigate cases of child sexual and physical abuse and when appropriate take legal action in order to identify child abusers and hold them accountable.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services provided for those cases that meet our protocol shall include child forensic interviews, victim advocacy with referrals for community assistance and mental health referrals, referral for specialized medical exam that may be done on-site or off, criminal investigation to attempt to corroborate the allegations, and a multi-disciplinary team response to child maltreatment, including review at team meeting. The CAC also has a bi-lingual Spanish speaking case manager, receptionist, criminal investigator, and child forensic interviewer to help serve the needs of those who are not English proficient.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 252
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 252
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 252

Knox County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Henderson, Knox, Warren
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The CAC is a safe place police or DCFS investigators send children who need to talk about sexual or serious physical abuse. The CAC has trained staff who listen to children, asking only open questions, to find out what happened to a child and providing any needed services, like counseling or medical examinations.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Knox County Child Advocacy Center will provide services to all alleged child victims under the age of 18 referred by DCFS, law enforcement, or the State's Attorney's Office, and their non-offending caregivers from the forensic interview through prosecution. Child victims are defined as victims of sexual abuse, victims of serious physical injury, witnesses and/or siblings to child abuse, witnesses to domestic violence or other violent crimes, and children that exhibit over-sexualized behavior.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 101
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 109
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 106

Lake County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Lake
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Lake County Children's Advocacy Center is committed to providing a safe environment for child victims of abuse. The CAC's goal is to investigate and help successfully prosecute offenders of child abuse without causing further trauma to the child victim. The Advocacy Center is dedicated to approaching victims of child abuse in a sensitive, respectful manner. A child victim is defined as anyone from birth to eighteen years of age. The Center will provide services to individuals beyond age eighteen when special circumstances (i.e. developmental disability) require special handling of a victim.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The LCCAC staff provides services for any child (birth -18), who is the alleged victim of sexual abuse or physical abuse, when the abuse occurred in Lake County. The LCCAC staff also provides services for developmentally delayed adults who are alleged victims of

sexual abuse or physical abuse. Upon request, the Center provides services for child victims who were victimized outside of Lake County. Services are provided to prevent substitute care, whenever possible and ensure the safety and well-being of children.

As a member of the MDT, the Advocate provides services to the client and non-offending parent. The Advocate participates in pre-meeting discussion with members of the team prior to the forensic interview and is involved with the client throughout the time at the LCCAC.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 421 |
| • Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: | 535 |
| • Total Number of Forensic Interviews: | 361 |

La Rabida Children's Hospital

County(ies) of Service: Cook
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The mission of La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center is to reduce trauma for a child's well-being by providing support services to child victims and their families. The LRCAC provides services, such as forensic interviews and advocacy to child victims of sexual and physical abuse, and witnesses of crime in the investigation process.

Terms of DCFS Contract: La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center provides comprehensive services to children who are victims and/or witnesses to of sexual abuse, other types of maltreatment and violent crime.

These services include:

- Intake coordination - coordinated scheduling of forensic interviews with law enforcement, DCFS, and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office
- Forensic interviews - forensic interviews of children alleged to be victims or witnesses of violent crime (i.e., sexual or severe physical abuse, witnessing murder, rape, torture, domestic violence, etc.)
 - At-risk forensic interviews
 - Advocacy for alleged victims and witnesses and their non-offending family members
 - Case management for alleged victims and witnesses and their non-offending family members
 - Court advocacy, court accompaniment and support for alleged victims, witnesses and their non-offending family members
 - Court testimony
 - Individual support and psychoeducation for non-offending family members of abuse victims

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 412
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 513
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 413

Madison County Child Advocacy Center:

County(ies) of Service: Bond, Madison
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The program provides coordinated investigations, forensic interviews, case management, and MDT coordination and contracted counseling services for children involved in allegations of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse. Clients are children between the ages 3-17 who reside in Bond or Madison Counties and who are involved in allegations of sexual abuse or severe physical abuse with law enforcement and/or child protection. From the Center's Protocol, the Center will accept any child meeting these criteria regardless of race, religion, creed, nationality, age, gender or sexual orientation.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Specifically, the Center will provide forensic interview, MDT coordination and case management services under this contract.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 323
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 323
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 323

Maryville Crisis Nursery

County(ies) of Service: Cook
Program Name: Maryville Crisis Nursery

Maryville is a child care organization rooted in Catholic social teaching. Maryville offers a range of programs for children and families including Behavioral Health, Early Childhood, Educational, Family, Jovenes Adelante and Residential services. Maryville helps children and families reach their fullest potential by empowering intellectual, spiritual, moral and emotional growth.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The services provided by the Maryville Crisis Nursery under the DCFS Agreement include a 24-hour crisis helpline staffed by experienced and dedicated family services professionals; 4-hour to 72-hour crisis childcare; 24-hour crisis counseling; referrals to resources for housing, employment assistance, job training, medical care, dental care, mental health services, domestic violence prevention, educational services, substance abuse treatment, and respite services; case management; free monthly parent education classes; Ages & Stages screenings to identify deficits in a child's developmental milestones; and in-kind or direct support

including diapers, wipes, hygiene supplies, baby formula, baby food, clothing, bus tokens, gas cards, gift cards, toys, books, toothbrushes, strollers, and other items used in the daily care of children.

The Crisis Nursery cares for children newborn through age six for up to three days and works with parents to develop practical solutions to their problems, find resources within their communities, and make positive long-term differences in their lives. The Crisis Nursery helps families remain intact, achieve safety and stability, and develop the protective factors that promote the long-term well-being of parents and children and reduce the risk for negative outcomes.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 177
- Unique Number of Families Served: 113

McHenry County CAC

County(ies) of Service: McHenry
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The mission of the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County is to reduce trauma to child victims of abuse through coordinating a timely, comprehensive, and multidisciplinary response in reported cases of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse. The Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County serves all children under the age of 18 in McHenry County where there is a suspicion of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and/or a child witness to a violent crime.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County provides and maintains a child focused facility and personnel to aid in the coordination of investigating and prosecuting reported cases of child abuse within McHenry County. The CAC works closely with other agencies and providers involved in child abuse cases striving to ensure a multidisciplinary response to these cases. The facility includes an interview room and observation room to conduct digitally recorded forensic interviews of alleged victims of child abuse. The CAC also provides advocacy services for victims and non-offending family members including judicial advocacy, medical advocacy, and crisis intervention services. Counseling services are provided by a referral service. Medical services are provided through a linkage agreement with local medical provider that specialize in child abuse. The CAC also provides emergency services and crisis intervention during and after normal hours of operation.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 102
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 170
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 225

McLean County CAC

County(ies) of Service: DeWitt, Livingston, McLean
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is where children are brought when there has been an allegation that a child may have been sexually abused, seriously physically abused, a witness to a major crime, and/or a victim of human trafficking.

Children are brought to our centers to be interviewed by a forensic specialist utilizing the "child first" doctrine. This is part of a multidisciplinary team approach that provides children with a warm, friendly environment that is focused on reducing trauma to child abuse victims. Our advocates on staff assist the family as the case is to move through the judicial system. A trained, licensed therapist is on staff to provide counseling to the child victims and their non-offending caregivers, as well. The Livingston and DeWitt County Advocacy Centers are satellites of the McLean County Advocacy Center and follow all national best practice standards.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The McLean, Livingston and DeWitt Children's Advocacy Centers offer the following services: forensic interviews utilizing multi-disciplinary team (MDT) model; advocacy services including, but not limited to criminal justice, mental health, crisis intervention, community referrals, court preparation and medical advocacy. This DCFS grant provides service based lump sum funding applied towards salary and benefit costs for one forensic interviewer, one child advocate and one part time contractual crisis interventionist.

An additional service offered through the agency is the Darkness to Light Education and Awareness Training Program. DCFS does not provide any funding for this additional service.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 178
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 178
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 312

Mercer County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Mercer
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Mercer CAC provides forensic interviews as part of the investigative process in response to allegations of child abuse in Mercer County, PA. The Mercer CAC is committed to the protection and best interest of children of Mercer County and will respond jointly and effectively to any allegations of sexual abuse towards children, serious physical abuse of children, children who witness violent crimes and child deaths in Mercer County. The utilization of law enforcement, child protection investigative agencies and prosecution strategies, as well as victim services, will work towards the common goal of attaining a more positive outcome for children.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services include but are not limited to child friendly facility, coordinated investigations, forensic interviews, case management, advocacy, service referrals, crisis intervention, short-term counseling, case tracking, coordinated case reviews, court education, preparation and advocacy, professional training. The provider agrees to notify DCFS in writing of any changes in sites where client services are being delivered.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 27
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 27
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 27

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery

County(ies) of Service: Sangamon
Program Name: Marinda T. O'Beirne Crisis Nursery

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery's Family Services Program provides a range of vital education and support programs for parents to help them improve the quality of their lives, strengthen families, and prevent child abuse and neglect. The core programs in our Family Services component are home visiting programs, provided in-person and remotely. All families served at Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery are strongly encouraged to participate in Family Services Programs.

We provide secure 24-hour crisis childcare for children from birth through six years old. There is no income restriction, and all children experiencing a crisis are welcome to visit. This includes but is not limited to:

- Parental stress
- Medical emergencies
- Homelessness
- Domestic violence
- Mental health or substance abuse appointments

Terms of DCFS Contract: The nursery provides emergency childcare for children who are at risk of abuse or neglect. To help families avoid future crisis situations, the Nursery also offers the Family Support Program. The focus of the program is to help the family through the crisis, as well as prevent and/or reduce the number of further crises or alternative placements. The Nursery also provides emergency care for foster children to assist in maintaining their placement. While at the Nursery, staff promote positive youth development by completing developmental screenings/assessments when appropriate, as well as engage the youth in age appropriate individual and group activities. By providing emergency care for children, the Nursery is working to ensure the safety and well-being of children who are at risk.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 16
- Unique Number of Families Served: 9

The Parent Place:

County(ies) of Service: Christian, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Sangamon

Program Name: Family Education and Support

The Parent Place utilizes peer education –our professionally trained staff are parents themselves and quite often their gender, life experiences or ethnicity is specific to the clients they are serving. Services include:

- Court Advocacy
- Relatives as Parents Network
- 1-2-3 Magic
- Individualized Family Coaching
- Family Mediation
- Positive Co-Parenting
- Mastering Our Mothering Skills
- Defining and Developing Skills
- The Diaper Pantry

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services under the agreement:

- An ongoing cycle of 16-week/48-hour classes to encourage/reinforce positive family interactions, strengthen families, support family reunification
- 2,520 hours of Supervised Family Visits, One-on-One Sessions and home visits provided before, during and after supervised visits. One-on-One sessions provided before and/or after supervised visits to encourage appropriate activities, communication, meal suggestions, etc.
- 8 Family Support Workshops per fiscal year

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

Unique Number of Children Served:	1,951
Unique Number of Families Served:	902
Mastering Our Mother Skills 16-week class for Mandated/Intact Clients:	219
Defining and Development Skills (DAD) 16-week class for Mandated/Intact Clients:	111

Peoria County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Peoria
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services provided by the Children's Advocacy Center include a multidisciplinary team investigation, victim advocacy, medical and mental health referrals, forensic interviews, case reviews, community service referrals, a comprehensive database, and team member continuing education. The facility is handicap accessible, language or deaf interpreters are available, and cultural sensitivity is addressed during the investigation and prosecution of each case.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 216
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 396
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 202

Perry Jackson CAC

County(ies) of Service: Jackson, Perry
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The mission of the Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center is to coordinate the timely, comprehensive team response to child sexual abuse and all other forms of child maltreatment in a child-centered, neutral setting, and to work with our community to build awareness.

Our vision is to have an engaged community focused on the safety and health of children and families through the strong leadership of the Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Perry-Jackson CAC provides the following services to clients referred: child friendly environment to conduct forensic interviews, trained staff to provide the forensic interview, coordination of the investigation and follow-up services, coordination of monthly Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meeting to staff all cases, communication with the client and non-offending family members regarding the investigation and case, linkage to mental health and specialized medical services, transportation for mental health and medical services as needed, emotional support for the client and non-offending family members, assistance with court preparation, and assistance to the client and non-offending family members with accessing financial assistance and victim notification services.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 99
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 94
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 87

Prevent Child Abuse IL.

County(ies) of Service: All Illinois counties¹⁰
Program Name: Child Abuse Prevention Development Project

The mission of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois is to prevent child abuse by providing statewide leadership through education, support for community initiatives, and advocacy. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois is the chartered state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. The agency seeks to accomplish their mission through the goals of public awareness, partnership, advocacy, education, community outreach, program development, and organizational competence. The Child Abuse Prevention Development Project serves the entire state of Illinois, covering all 102 counties, all DCFS regions and all 62 LANs. The Project Director, 4 Prevention Specialists, a Prevention Associate, and a Healthy Families Illinois Associate provide services. The Prevention Specialists are located within DCFS offices in Cook County, Glen Ellyn, Bloomington, and East St. Louis.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Child Abuse Prevention Development Project will provide support to DCFS and POS staff, community partners, and other organizations through training and education, technical assistance, community collaboration, and resource referral.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Distribution of Brochures: | 8,459 |
| • Child Abuse Prevention Coalition Meetings | 46 |
| • Total Trainings Held | 66 |
| • Unique Training Attendance | 3,062 |

Procure Centers/Proviso CAC

County(ies) of Service: Cook
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Proviso Children's Advocacy Center of Resurrection Health Care is dedicated to helping children, adolescents, and their family members cope with the emotional and psychological stresses of abuse through specialized programming that supports the healing process. The Advocacy Center's multi-disciplinary investigation team and advocacy group works in conjunction with local police departments, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and local medical and mental health providers to implement a comprehensive, victim-sensitive approach to investigation and evaluation of sexual abuse allegations.

¹⁰ Offices in Chicago, East St. Louis, Glen Ellyn, Marion, Peoria, and Springfield

Terms of DCFS Contract: For purposes of this contract, services provided through The Proviso Children's Advocacy Center include coordinated forensic interviews for children ages 3-17 who are alleged victims of, or witnesses to, or risks for, sexual abuse, physical abuse, or violent crimes, as well as victim advocate services that include crisis intervention, case management, and advocacy, and trauma therapy services, and support group and/or psychoeducational group for non-offending parents of victims of sexual abuse. In addition, the CAC also provides professional education on topics related to child abuse as well as general community education.

Rock Island CAC

County(ies) of Service: Rock Island
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Terms of DCFS Contract: Under this DCFS agreement, Rock Island CAC provides comprehensive services to children who are victims of sexual abuse, other types of maltreatment and childhood trauma. The services available include:

- Forensic interviews conducted and recorded by a trained professional from the staff or MDT member.
- Referral & advocacy services
- Case management and case review services
- Specialized services are provided on a case by case basis such as language translation, sign language and/or services for developmentally delayed children
- Trauma focused therapy to the children and non-offending caregivers

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 238 |
| • Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: | 242 |
| • Total Number of Forensic Interviews: | 236 |

Safe Families for Children:

County(ies) of Service: All Illinois counties
Program Name: Safe Families for Children

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) is a network of host families, volunteers, not-for-profit agencies, and churches that extends the community safety net by providing parents in need with support to care for their children. The SFFC movement is a perspective/concept that the safety and health of children in our communities is all our responsibilities, and that the birth parents are the key to providing that safety for their children. SFFC is about strengthening and supporting parents so they can be safe families for their own children.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Safe Families for Children is a network of host families, volunteers, not-for-profit agencies, and churches that extends the community safety net by providing parents in need, support to care for their children. SFFC is about strengthening and supporting parents, so they can be safe families for their own children.

SFFC directly addresses prevention of substitute care placement and ensures the safety and well-being of children. It also relies on the majority of the protective factors: knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development, parental resilience, social connections, concrete supports for parents, and social and emotional competence of children.

The following services are available:

- **Placement of children** in a Safe Family (facilitate child arrangements) – all SF locations
- **Case coordination** and referrals for placing parents - all SF locations
- **Parent mentoring** – Family friend arrangements - all SF locations
- **Monitoring and supporting children** who are staying with host families. Monitoring involves seeing the child and making sure he/she is adjusting to the home. Supporting children is done by ensuring the host families have all the support, direction needed to care for the child. This may involve talking about the relationship with the parent, behavioral management strategies, health/education issues, etc. - all SF locations
- **Recruitment, screening and approval of volunteers** - all SF locations
- **Connecting resources** friends (goods/services) with parents to provide resources (clothes, furniture, toys, etc.) and connecting parents to community services (counseling, domestic violence, homeless, psychiatric, psychological, etc.) - all SF locations
- **Outreach to agencies** and DCFS offices for referrals - all SF locations
- **Outreach to churches** to recruit volunteers. This involves identifying targeted churches, determining who at the church to meet with, meeting with pastor or appropriate individual, requesting that they become a SF Church, presenting SF during a service or meeting, gathering list of volunteers, etc. This may also include home gatherings (asking a host to invite friends to their home to hear about Safe Families). Manuals and training are available for all services offered. - all SF locations

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 451
- Unique Number of Families Served: 269
- Number of Host Families Recruited: 91
- Number of Safe Family Homes Currently Utilized: 449

Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center:

County(ies) of Service: Christian, Logan, Menard, Sangamon
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Sangamon CAC coordinates the investigation of child sexual and severe physical abuse cases. The CAC also provides victim sensitive forensic interviews, advocacy services, and case review for all referred cases. Additionally, the CAC provides referrals to crisis intervention counseling by contracting with local therapists who are trained in trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy. The CAC has a Sexual Abuse Prevention Education program which is offered in the local schools for children in grades K through 6. The CAC operates the local Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program and delivers services to children in foster care. CASA provides specially trained volunteers to be assigned to cases of abused/neglected children by the juvenile court judge. CASA serves as an intricate part of the judicial proceedings by assisting the judge in making a final decision about the future of a foster child.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center provides services to promote permanency by maintaining, strengthening and safeguarding the functioning of families to prevent substitute care placement and ensure the safety and wellbeing of children. However, in cases where children are in foster care, the SCCAC aid the stabilization of foster care placements, promotes family reunification and ensures the safety, permanency and wellbeing through the assigning of CASA volunteers to foster cases and being a voice in the court system to speak to what is in the best interest of these children. The CASA volunteers actively work to promote family reunification, stabilize foster care placements and ensure the safety, permanency and wellbeing of children.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 266
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 253
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 394

Shining Star CAC

County(ies) of Service: Lee, Ogle
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The mission of Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center is to transform victims of child abuse into survivors. Our vision is to reduce the trauma of child abuse through identification, offender accountability, advocacy, counseling, and education on the path to eliminating child abuse.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Shining Star CAC provides forensic interviewing of children who are suspected to have suffered sexual or serious physical abuse. Our Family Advocate and/or our Executive Director/Case Manager provides advocacy services to children and their non-offending

family members. Shining Star CAC's Counselor provides mental health and crisis counseling services as well. In addition, we provide referrals for other valuable community resources. We also conduct a monthly case review with all members of our multi-disciplinary team including law enforcement, DCFS investigators, prosecutors and mental health providers.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 113
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 113
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 113

Southern Illinois University

County(ies) of Service: 41 Illinois counties

Program Name: Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network

Southern's program is the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network (CMMHRN). CMMHRN:

- Recruits and trains network physicians (identified by the region as good candidates for child abuse medical providers), advanced practice nurses and physician's assistants to provide medical consultations to DCFS, law enforcement officers, and medical personnel in child abuse investigations, either by phone, record review or physical examination of a child;
- Provides medical evaluations for children ages 0-17 who are alleged victims of sexual or physical abuse, neglect, or at risk of harm due to exposure to methamphetamine or a methamphetamine manufacturing environment.
- Provides emergency consultation upon request to medical personnel (or staff) and DCFS investigators who are directly affiliated through CMMHRN;
- Encourages the DCFS field offices to send the CANTS reports to CMMHRN Medical Director for review. The Medical Director will review all CANTS reports and will make recommendations for those needing medical follow-up where appropriate;
- Educates a variety of health care providers on signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect and explains their responsibility as mandated reporters. Provides information on referral criteria and services of CMMHRN;
- Educates health professionals, DCFS investigators, child advocates, and other multidisciplinary team (MDT) members on the effects of harmful substances on children. This includes distributing the methamphetamine protocol for children who are at risk of harm due to the exposure of a methamphetamine environment;
- Collaborates with the DCFS training office, where possible, to provide high quality medical trainings to MDT of professionals throughout the southern region;
- Arranges high-quality training workshops for professionals in the field of child abuse and assures that continuing education credits are available for involved disciplines. Training workshops will be offered at least annually;

- Encourages participating CMMHRN providers to participate in multidisciplinary efforts in the area of child abuse and neglect in their local communities that are not case specific;
- Increases efforts to gain access and engage the local emergency department staff for child maltreatment training;
- Educates radiologist groups and other specialists in our area about child maltreatment, how to look for signs of abuse in very young children and what films are important to obtain;
- Forms a network of children’s mental health providers with a focus on children who have experienced a traumatic event(s); and
- Educates frontline service workers about trauma informed practice within child welfare investigations and follow up casework. CMMHRN

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services of CMMHRN are focused on:

- Preventing substitute care placement for children reported as abused by assisting non-offending family members in their support of the child victim. CMMHRN performs timely specialized medical evaluations and medical case coordination to determine if the injury rises to the level of inflicted abuse or if it is a medical condition not related to abuse;
- Promoting family reunification by educating frontline child welfare workers on the effects of childhood trauma, behaviors that result from trauma and post-traumatic stress to help educate the families about adverse childhood experiences to assist in a plan that works for the child and family;
- Stabilizing foster care placements by providing educational information to the frontline workers about adverse childhood experiences and the effects of trauma/traumatization of children, the behaviors that may result and assisting them in understanding that it is not a quick fix for children to feel safe once in a traumatic situation; and
- Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children by making sure that they are physically, mentally and emotionally healthy and by providing education to caregivers regarding the care and well-being of the children in question.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 94 |
| • Number of Medical Exams Completed: | 61 |
| • Total Attendance (Training): | 143 |

Spero Family Services

County(ies) of Service: Jefferson
Program Name: Family Foundations

Terms of DCFS Contract: Family Foundations serves at-risk families in Jefferson County or within a 30-mile radius of Mt. Vernon, Illinois who have children ages birth to 11. Family Foundations provides a 20-week program to parents and their children featuring the Nurturing Parenting

Model. Parents and children will work through a curriculum together with the support of the Family Intervention Specialist. This program will strengthen families' skills and protective factors and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 47
- Total Number of Home Visits: 127

St. Clair County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

We are a team of specially trained interviewers, case managers and counselors ready to provide your child and your family complete support throughout the healing process.

The Child Advocacy Center is a non-profit organization that provides a safe, child-friendly environment for conducting forensic interviews and medical evaluation. We assist with investigations of sexual and serious physical abuse of children, as well as with interviews of children who have witnessed violent crimes.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The contract pays for a portion of the Executive Director's salary. She is also a forensic interviewer and coordinates services at the CAC. The support person who coordinates interviews is paid by DCFS. DCFS pays for a portion of our rent and telephone. The Counselor is partially paid by DCFS funds, Case Management services, and medical services are paid for by other sources. All the services seek to strengthen families and ensure the safety and well-being of the children that we serve.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 345
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 345
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 345

Tazewell County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Mason, Tazewell, Woodford
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Terms of DCFS Contract: The CAC works with alleged child abuse victims and their non-offending caregivers, by providing advocacy, counseling, and referrals to various community services. The Tazewell CAC coordinates with DCFS, law enforcement, and the State's Attorney's Office to investigate and prosecute allegations of child sexual abuse, child victims of human trafficking, and serious physical abuse. These efforts assure the child's safety is paramount in the decision-making process.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 184
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 184
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 176

Two Rivers CAC

County(ies) of Service: Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Union
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center has been providing services for abused children in Southern Illinois since 2001. Our goal is to lessen the trauma that children endure after they disclose that they have been abused. Two Rivers used the Child Advocacy Center model to provide a safe, child-friendly environment for children to talk about what happened. The CAC model is designed to coordinate a multi-disciplinary approach to the investigation and prosecution of child abuse, while keeping the child victim the priority. Two Rivers provides follow-up care and support to children and their families, as well as community education.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center coordinates a timely, comprehensive and multidisciplinary response to child sexual abuse and serious physical abuse allegations in a safe, agency neutral and child focused setting. The CAC will provide forensic interviews and advocacy. Additionally, TRCAC will facilitate investigations, medical and treatment referrals, as well as assist with any consequent legal proceedings in order to advocate on behalf of and support child victims and their families.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 149
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 150
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 150

Tyler's Justice Center

County(ies) of Service: Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The CAC acts on the principle that no one agency or professional alone can investigate, prosecute and treat the problem of child sexual and/or serious physical abuse - a coordinated, team response is necessary. The CAC provides victims of sexual abuse and/or serious physical abuse coordination of professionals from legal, medical, child protective and social services, in one place at one time, working together in the best interest of the child. Tyler's Justice Center for Children serves as a central location for intake, investigation and follow-up for all sexual

and/or physical child abuse victims ages 0 -18 in our tri-county area of Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties.

Terms of DCFS Contract: TJCC is dedicated to lessening the impact of trauma on a child victim by providing a sensitive, collaborative response to the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child sexual abuse and serious physical abuse cases.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 112
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 64
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 106

Unified Child Advocacy

County(ies) of Service: Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

Unified Child Advocacy Network (UCAN) is a newly formed organization which was developed to bring together a community effort to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children. Our mission is to serve, protect and advocate for children affected by sexual and serious physical abuse, and to educate the community about child abuse.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Unified Child Advocacy Network works within each of our counties to educate individuals regarding physical and sexual abuse. When child abuse occurs in our counties, our goal is to reduce the trauma to child victims and their families. Our center coordinates a multidisciplinary team response with law enforcement and DCFS. UCAN assures a safe, neutral environment for the child victim to participate in a forensic interview. UCAN also provides ongoing support to the child victim and non-offending caregiver and siblings. UCAN works with the family through the process of the investigation and court process. Counseling is provided to the child victim and non-offending caregivers and non-offending siblings who may be traumatized by the abuse occurring. UCAN brings together a community effort to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our communities.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 252
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 252
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 252

University of Chicago MPEEC.

County(ies) of Service: Cook

Program Name: Multidisciplinary Pediatric Education and Evaluation

The University of Chicago is the lead program and the fiscal agent for the Multidisciplinary Education and Evaluation Consortium (MPEEC).

The Comer Children's Child Advocacy and Protection Services (CAPS) team, is a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The CAPS program has a robust clinical, advocacy and academic mission. Comer Children's hospital has institutionalized policies and protocols for the identification, evaluation and treatment of children with concerns for any form of child maltreatment. Annually over 300 children admitted to Comer Children's who receive comprehensive consultations by the CAPS team and between 500-600 hundred children are evaluated and treated in the ER setting. The CAPS team consists of 12 medical pediatric social workers, a CAPS clinical social work coordinator, 2 child abuse pediatricians, 1 physician assistant and an administrative assistant. Child Abuse Pediatrics is a boarded subspecialty that is dedicated to the care and treatment of abused and neglected children, and unique to this subspecialty child abuse pediatricians are medical experts in the diagnosis of child abuse- child abuse pediatricians are unique in that their training is in the discerning between manners of injuries.

Terms of DCFS Contract: This contract funds the Multidisciplinary Pediatric Education and Evaluation Consortium (MPEEC) and its activities to coordinate multidisciplinary investigations involving investigators from DCFS and law enforcement agencies and expert Child Abuse Pediatricians (CAPS) for allegations of severe physical abuse of children who reside in Chicago, under the age of 36 months of age, who are reported for the following allegations:

- Head trauma (2/52)
- Bone fractures (9/59)
- Internal injuries (4/54)
- Burn injuries (5/55)-cases that present to MPEEC hospitals **and** a child abuse consultant is requested by treating medical staff.
- Cuts, welts, bruises and abrasions (11/61) –cases that present to MPEEC hospitals **and** a child abuse consultant is requested by treating medical staff.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 185
- Medical Exams/Treatment Provided: 185
- Medical Consults Performed: 70

University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford.

County(ies) of Service: Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, Will, Winnebago
Program Name: MERIT-Medical Evaluation Response Initiative Team Agreement

The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford developed the Medical Evaluation and Response Team (MERIT) program to improve the intake, assessment, screening, and investigations of reports of child abuse and neglect.

This program is jointly funded by the CAPTA Basic State Grant and the Children Justice Grant. The MERIT program provides medical advocacy for children (DCFS and non-DCFS clients) ages 0-17 who are alleged victims of sexual or physical abuse, and/or neglect, including:

- Comprehensive medical assessment, evaluation and diagnosis;
- Appropriate and timely follow-up of targeted medical services for each child as it pertains to abuse and neglect;
- Documentation of findings and recommendations for follow-up to referral source;
- Data tracking of each child served;
- Medical expert consultation on difficult cases on when additional medical needs are identified;
- Parent education and support;
- Court testimony and preparation;
- MDTs;
- Educational resource for physicians and other healthcare providers; and
- Training of MDT members on child maltreatment.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The MERIT program provides medical advocacy for children (DCFS and non-DCFS clients) ages 0-17 who are alleged victims of sexual or physical abuse, and/or neglect. This includes:

- Comprehensive medical services, evaluation and diagnosis;
- Appropriate and timely follow-up of targeted medical services for each child as it pertains to abuse and neglect;
- Documentation of findings and recommendations for follow-up to referral source; and
- Data tracking of each child served.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

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| • Unique Number of Children Served: | 298 |
| • Medical Exams/Evaluations Performed: | 298 |
| • Medical Consults Provided: | 19 |

University of Illinois Pediatric Resource Center.

County(ies) of Service: Fulton, Henry, Knox, LaSalle, Macon, Mason, McLean, Peoria, Rock Island, Sangamon, Tazewell, Woodford, and other counties within the Central Region

Program Name: Pediatric Resource Center

The PRC was developed to provide medical evaluations and social services to children under investigation for child abuse and neglect. It is a program of the University of Illinois, College of Medicine of Peoria, and serves 40 counties in the Central Region of Illinois. The program expanded when the DCFS Peoria Regional Administrator linked the PRC with the Central Child Protection Division of DCFS to provide education, training, and consultation to medical providers around the state. By providing specialized medical evaluations and case coordination services to children when concerns of physical or sexual abuse, as well as neglect have been raised, the PRC works to ensure that children are in a safe environment by working with DCFS. In addition, the medical evaluations ensure that the physical well-being of the children is addressed so that healthcare needs are met.

Terms of DCFS Contract: By providing specialized medical evaluations and case coordination services to children when concerns of physical or sexual abuse and neglect have been raised, the PRC works to ensure that children are in a safe environment by working with DCFS and/or other agencies/institutions. In addition, the medical evaluation ensures that the physical well-being of children is addressed so that healthcare needs can be met. In addition to direct services, the PRC will provide education, training and outreach to healthcare professionals in the central region regarding child maltreatment. PRC will also provide training to DCFS, law enforcement and other professionals in the central region regarding abuse and neglect concerns.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 261
- Medical Exams/Treatments Provided: 245
- Medical Consultations Provided: 211

Vermilion County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Vermilion

Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Vermilion County Children's Advocacy Center serves child victims of abuse and their non-offending caregivers by providing services through a comprehensive, child-focused approach in a safe, neutral, environment. By bridging the gaps between law enforcement, DCFS, prosecutors, and service providers during an investigation, VCCAC reduces the number of times a child must retell their story.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Services provided under the contracted agreement will include forensic interviewing, advocacy, mental health and referrals to medical. Case review, peer review and all training that is pertinent to a well-developed and qualitative service provision for the staff and MDT partners.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 252
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 252
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 252

Will County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Will
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Will County CAC was established to improve the way child abuse cases re investigated. The center's staff performs child-sensitive interviews when there are allegations of sexual or severe physical abuse. These interviews are conducted by training and caring professionals in a non-suggestive, child-friendly environment. The children's recorded statements have been used in the successful prosecution of hundreds of child predators.

Terms of DCFS Contract: The Will County Children's Advocacy Center's services ensure safety and well-being of children and prevents substitute care placement by providing a facility to coordinate and conduct multidisciplinary team child sexual and severe physical abuse forensic interviews, advocacy services, trauma-informed therapy services on-site, multi-disciplinary team case review, specialized medical exam referrals, mental health referrals, staff and multidisciplinary team member trainings, and community outreach and prevention education.

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended December 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 336
- Total Number of Coordinated Investigations: 363
- Total Number of Forensic Interviews: 260

Williamson County CAC

County(ies) of Service: Franklin, Williamson
Program Name: Children's Advocacy Center

The Franklin-Williamson Child Advocacy Center works with DCFS, law enforcement, state's attorney's offices, social workers, advocates, medical and mental health professionals and others to provide high-quality, specialized services for abused children and their families. Helping abused children and their families requires an approach that addresses the physical, emotional, and legal dimensions of abuse. And, it requires a coordinated response from expert professionals

to reduce stress throughout the investigation and intervention process. We work in partnership with all the necessary agencies to coordinate a plan of action. From the time a child makes an outcry of abuse until the end of a criminal trial can take months or even years. The program provides support and information to non-offending families involved with the multi-disciplinary team. This program was developed to provide a continuum of care for clients from the first day they come to the CAC until the child and family feel resolution. Providing a consistent person that clients can rely on to resolve concerns, provide information and refer them to services eases the confusion and stress our clients endure throughout the investigative and judicial process.

Terms of DCFS Contract: Children’s Advocacy Renewal and Enlightenment, Inc.; DBA: Franklin-Williamson Child Advocacy Center (FWCAC) services include:

- Coordinated Investigations
- Forensic Interviews
- Advocacy Services
- Court Support Services
- Crisis Intervention
- Mental Health Referral Services
- Specialized Medical Exam Support
- MDT case reviews
- Community Outreach

Metrics Through 3rd Quarter (ended March 31, 2021) FY21:

- Unique Number of Children Served: 147

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SUPPLEMENTAL FY21 FUNDS

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan. This law included \$100 million in supplemental funding for CAPTA, with Illinois receiving an estimated allotment of \$3,821,789 (to be obligated by September 30, 2025). **As part of the Annual Progress and Services Report due June 30, 2021, grantees must submit a brief narrative describing the agency’s planned use of the supplemental funds.**

DCFS’ use of these funds will include:

- **Plans of Safe Care Notification Portal:** In 2016, CAPTA was amended to emphasize the importance of plans of safe care for substance-exposed infants. DCFS will prioritize the development, implementation and monitoring of plans of safe care including collaboration with the Illinois Department of Human Services’ Division of Substance Use Prevention & Recovery (IDHS SUPR), medical providers, and community stakeholders, including the exploration of utilizing CAPTA funds to create a notification portal for infants who are substance exposed. DCFS plans on utilizing the technical assistance offered

through the Administration for Children and Families to support our implementation efforts.

- **Improved Tracking for Dually Involved Youth:** DCFS will utilize funds to focus additional support and to enhance interagency collaboration between the child protection system and the juvenile justice system for improved delivery of services and treatment (including continuity of treatment plan and services). DCFS will utilize funds to improve the current tracking and reporting system of dually involved youth.
- **Father Coalitions:** Funds will be committed to support the expansion of fatherhood coalitions across the state. The coalitions provide programming and resources that promote and support fathers' parental involvement by bringing together multiple systems in communities. Supplemental funding from both CAPTA and CBCAP would be used to support the following activities:
 - Community collaboration to identify existing fatherhood resources;
 - Connecting people, programs and services to enhance collective impact;
 - Identifying and implementing best practices for effective service delivery;
 - Increasing the knowledge and skills of coalition members in effective fatherhood services; and
 - Identifying the needs for new services.
- **Opioid Needs Assessments and Programming for Rural Communities:** DCFS will partner with regions to conduct needs assessments and support programming to address within rural communities the drug addiction issues and existing barriers to treatment and prevention services that limit access to care. DCFS will work collaboratively with the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention & Recovery (IDHS SUPR) to assess programming and resources needs.

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